

When Life Is a Lot

SESSION 1

FIGHT: FAITH IN THE WILDERNESS (MATTHEW 4:1–11)

TRISH DONOHUE | JANUARY 12, 2024

“Search me, O God, and know my heart!” (Psalm 139:23)

“Jesus doesn't just look at us; he looks into us. And if we are willing to hold his gaze, he will burn away what is meaningless and frivolous and contaminating.”
– Nancy Guthrie in [Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Revelation](#)

1. Jesus Felt

2. Jesus Fought

“My feelings are not God. God is God. My feelings do not define truth. God's word defines truth. My feelings are echoes and responses to what my mind perceives. And sometimes—many times—my feelings are out of sync with the truth. When that happens—and it happens every day in some measure—I try not to bend the truth to justify my imperfect feelings, but rather, I plead with God: Purify my perceptions of your truth and transform my feelings so that they are in sync with the truth.” –John Piper in [Finally Alive](#) (pp. 165-66)

3. Jesus Finished