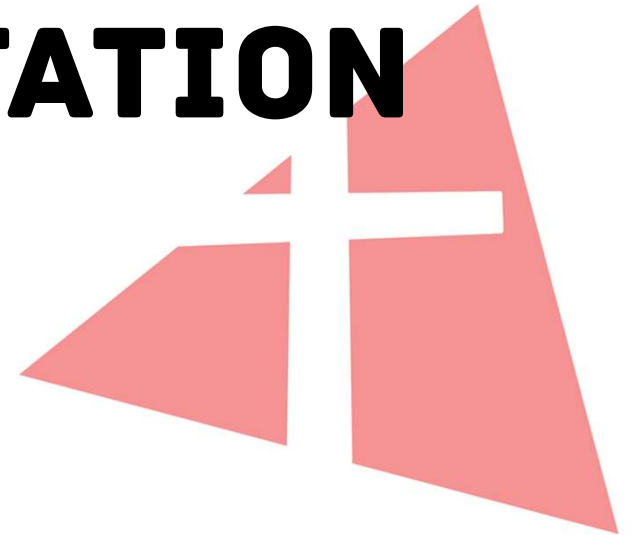


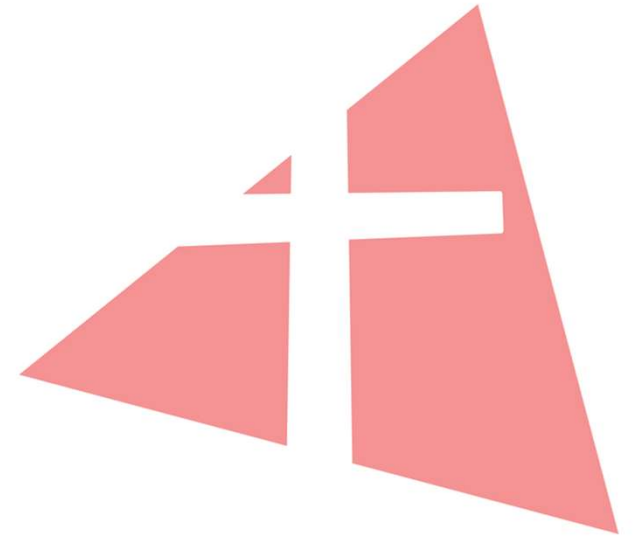
LIES THAT CAUSE US TO SIN: JESUS' TEMPTATION

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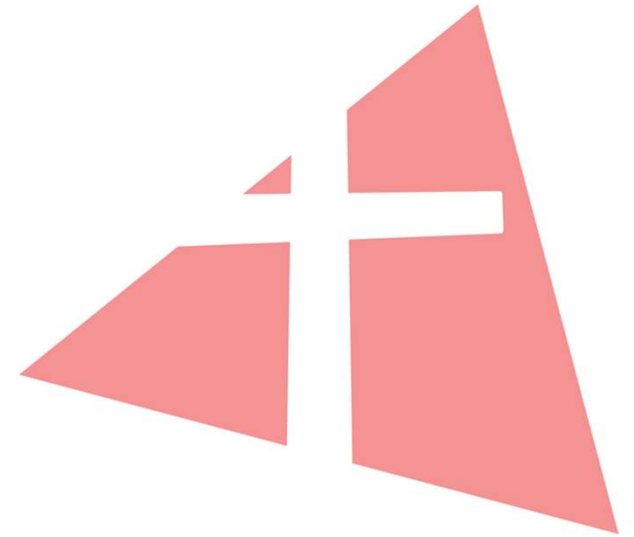
OUR SERIES: INNER HEALING

- **We're all sick**
- **Sin has terrible consequences**
- **The devil's lies in the Garden of Eden**



OUR FOCUS TODAY

- Jesus' temptation in the wilderness



JESUS' TEMPTATION

Matthew 4:1-11 Then was Jesus led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward hungry. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If you are the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. Then the devil took him up into the holy city, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, And said unto him, If you are the Son of God, cast yourself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning you: and in their hands they shall bear you up, lest at any time you dash your foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, You shall not test the Lord your God. Again, the devil took him up into an exceedingly high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And said unto him, All these things will I give you, if you will fall down and worship me. Then said Jesus unto him, Begone, Satan: for it is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve. Then the devil left him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

THE CONTEXT

Matthew 4:1 Then was Jesus led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

James 1:2-4 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith works patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing.



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1ST TEMPTATION

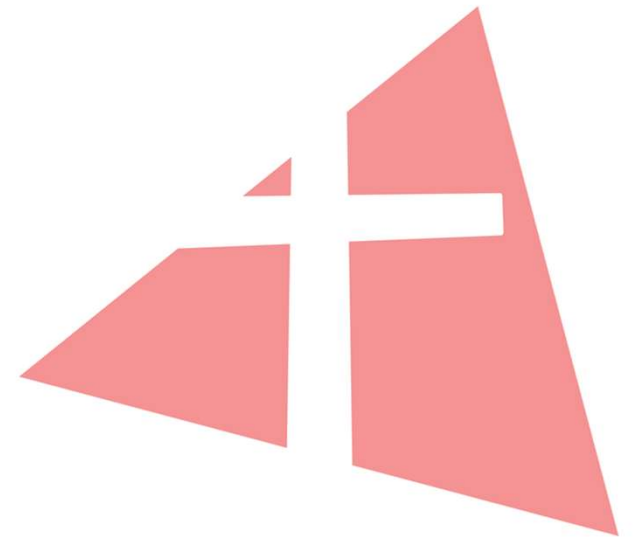
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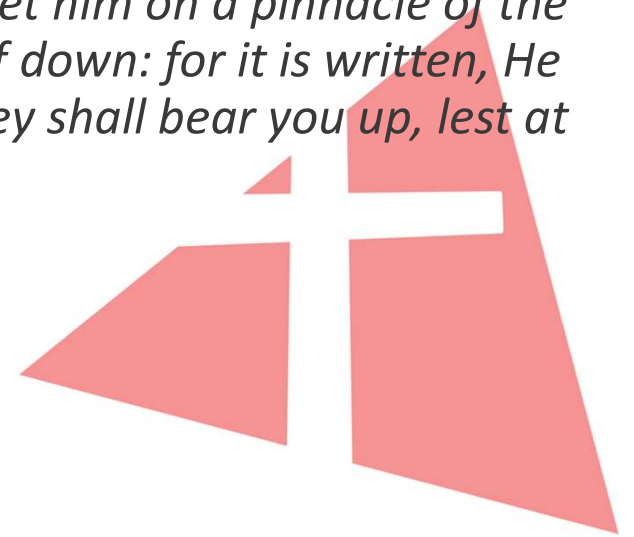
APPLICATION

- **Satan will tempt us to misuse our authority**
- **Satan will try to get us to take things into our own hands**
 - Even legitimate needs



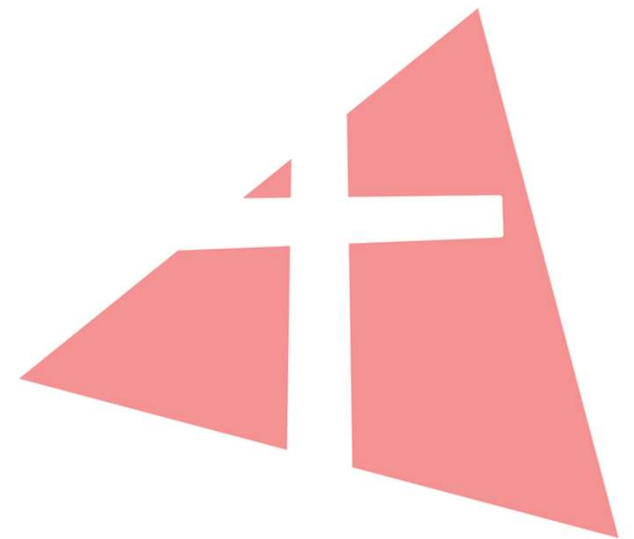
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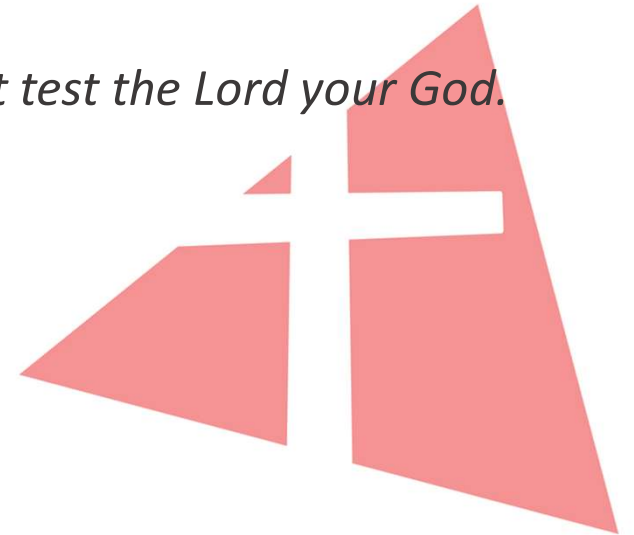
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- Identity
- Requiring proof



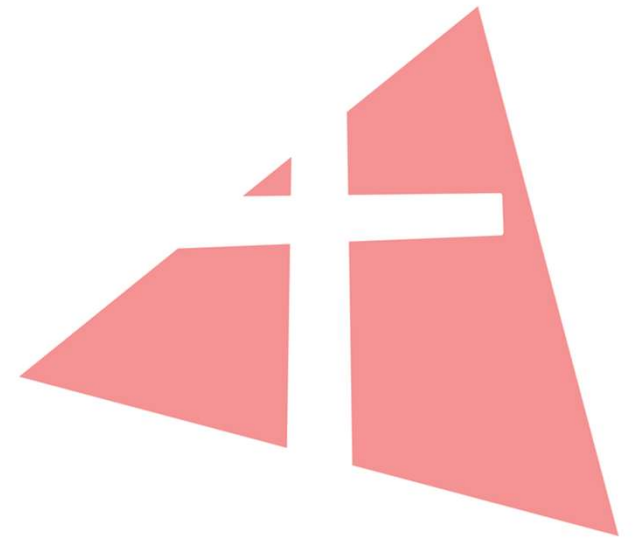
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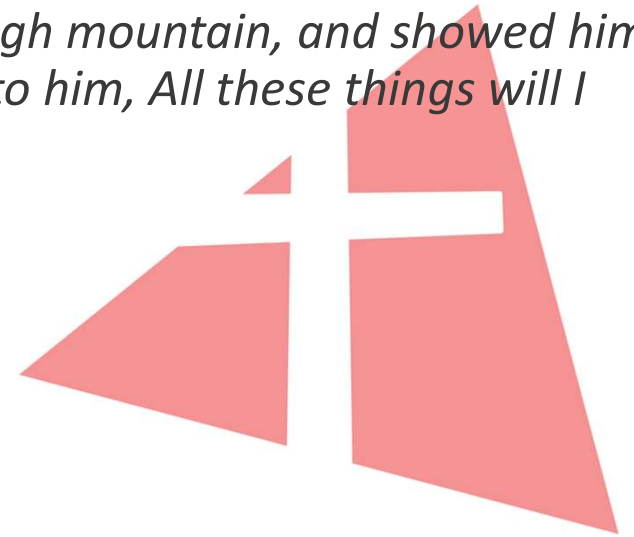
APPLICATION

- **Satan is tempting us to test God**
- **Satan is tempting us trying to control God's actions**
- **Satan is tempting us to expect proof for our Faith**



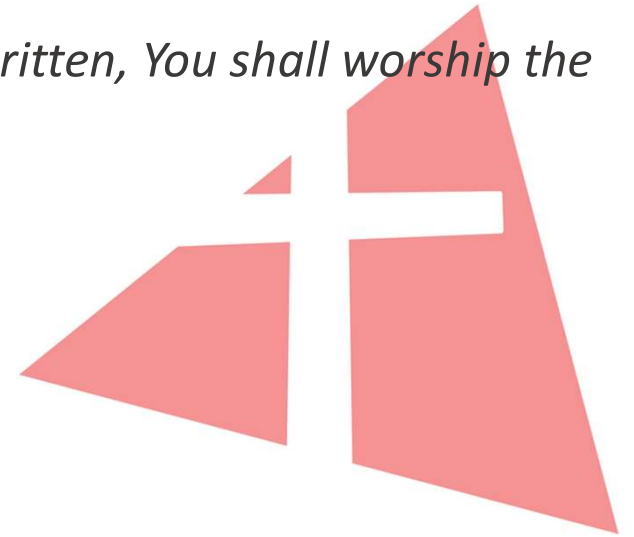
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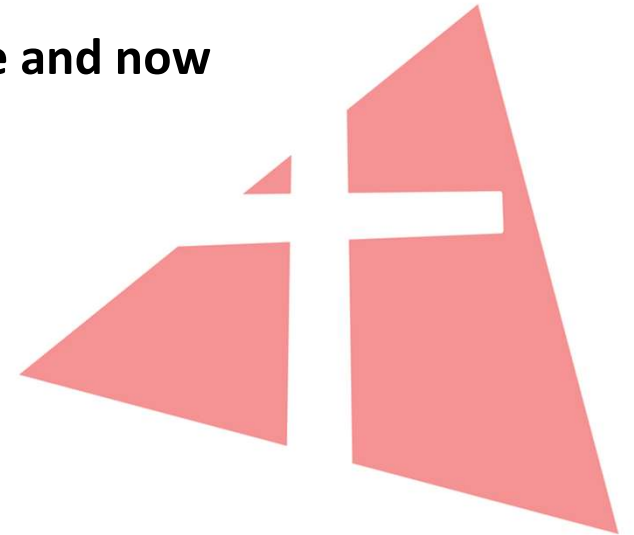
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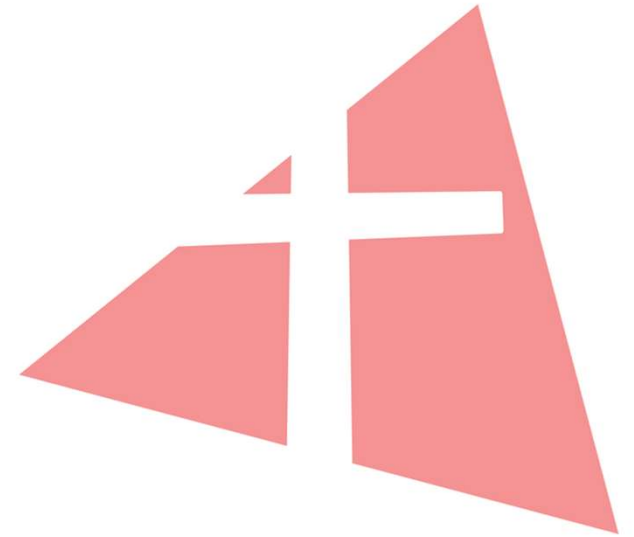
APPLICATION

- **The devil tempts us by promising to fulfill God's promises here and now**
 - We just have to step out of God's ways



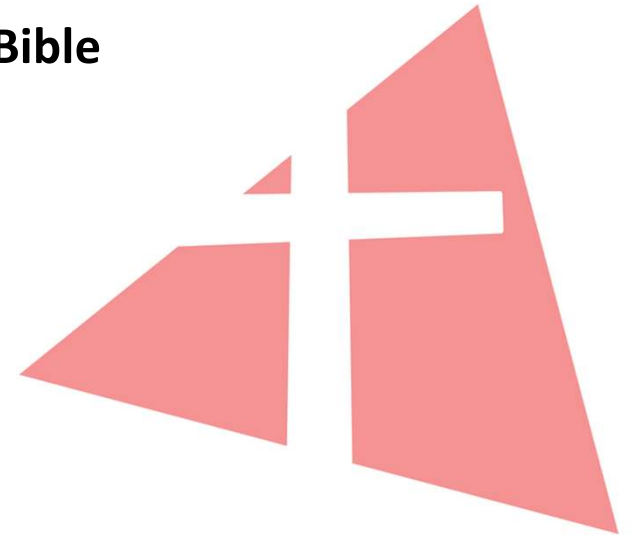
NOTICE THE DIFFERENCE

- Eve responded to satan with her own words
- Jesus responded to satan with the Word of God



KNOW THE BIBLE

- **Most people who call themselves Christians do not know the Bible**
- **Without the Bible, we are helpless against the devil's tactics**



IN CONCLUSION

- **The devil's tactics are so predictable**
- **He has nothing to offer to us**
- **Be aware, but do not be afraid**

