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¹AND JESUS, FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, RETURNED FROM THE JORDAN AND WAS LED BY THE SPIRIT IN THE WILDERNESS ²FOR FORTY DAYS, BEING TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL. AND HE ATE NOTHING DURING THOSE DAYS. AND WHEN THEY WERE ENDED, HE WAS HUNGRY. ³THE DEVIL SAID TO HIM, "IF YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD, COMMAND THIS STONE TO BECOME BREAD." ⁴AND JESUS ANSWERED HIM, "IT IS WRITTEN, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE.'" ⁵AND THE DEVIL TOOK HIM UP AND SHOWED HIM ALL THE KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD IN A MOMENT OF TIME, ⁶AND SAID TO HIM, "TO YOU I WILL GIVE ALL THIS AUTHORITY AND THEIR GLORY, FOR IT HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO ME, AND I GIVE IT TO WHOM I WILL. ⁷IF YOU, THEN, WILL WORSHIP ME, IT WILL ALL BE YOURS."

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⁸AND JESUS ANSWERED HIM, "IT IS WRITTEN, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND HIM ONLY SHALL YOU SERVE.'" ⁹AND HE TOOK HIM TO JERUSALEM AND SET HIM ON THE PINNACLE OF THE TEMPLE AND SAID TO HIM, "IF YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD, THROW YOURSELF DOWN FROM HERE, ¹⁰FOR IT IS WRITTEN, 'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU, TO GUARD YOU,' ¹¹AND 'ON THEIR HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, LEST YOU STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'" ¹²AND JESUS ANSWERED HIM, "IT IS SAID, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'" ¹³AND WHEN THE DEVIL HAD ENDED EVERY TEMPTATION, HE DEPARTED FROM HIM UNTIL AN OPPORTUNE TIME. —LUKE 4:1-13

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**I. THE ATTACKS OF TEMPTATION ARE REAL
AND REGULAR**

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**THE SPIRIT IMMEDIATELY DROVE HIM OUT
INTO THE WILDERNESS. —MARK 1:12**

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**2. THE ANATOMY OF TEMPTATION IS
TRACEABLE AND PREDICTABLE**

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➡ SAME TOOLS
**SATAN CANNOT AND DOES NOT CREATE; HE SIMPLY CORRUPTS
WHAT GOD HAS MADE AND INTENDED FOR GOOD.**

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**"TEMPTATION IS THE ENTICEMENT TO FULFILL A
GOD-GIVEN DESIRE IN A GOD-FORBIDDEN WAY."**

—PETER LORD

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**¹²THEREFORE LET ANYONE
WHO THINKS THAT HE
STANDS TAKE HEED LEST
HE FALL. ¹³NO TEMPTATION
HAS OVERTAKEN YOU
THAT IS NOT COMMON TO
MAN. GOD IS FAITHFUL,
AND HE WILL NOT LET
YOU BE TEMPTED BEYOND
YOUR ABILITY, BUT WITH
THE TEMPTATION HE WILL
ALSO PROVIDE THE WAY
OF ESCAPE, THAT YOU MAY
BE ABLE TO ENDURE IT.
—1 CORINTHIANS 10:12-13**

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➡ TOOLS ➡ SAME TEMPLATE

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TEMPTATION INVOLVES:

- 1. THE APPEAL:** SOMETHING FORBIDDEN PROMISES FULFILLMENT APART FROM GOD'S PROVISION.
- 2. THE STRUGGLE:** TENSION BUILDS BETWEEN THE APPEAL OF SIN AND BELIEF IN GOD'S GOODNESS.
- 3. THE RESPONSE:** A DECISION IS MADE EITHER TO DISOBEY OR TO WAIT ON GOD.
- 4. THE AFTERMATH:** THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN BREED DESPAIR; THE FRUIT OF OBEDIENCE MULTIPLIES BLESSING.

—CHARLES SWINDOLL

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“IN OUR MEMBERS THERE IS A SLUMBERING INCLINATION TOWARDS DESIRE WHICH IS BOTH SUDDEN AND FIERCE. WITH IRRESISTIBLE POWER, DESIRE SEIZES MASTERY OVER THE FLESH. ALL AT ONCE A SECRET, SMOLDERING FIRE IS KINDLED. THE FLESH BURNS AND IS IN FLAMES. IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHETHER IT IS SEXUAL DESIRE, OR AMBITION, OR VANITY, OR DESIRE FOR REVENGE, OR LOVE OF FAME AND POWER, OR GREED AND MONEY, OR, FINALLY THAT STRANGE DESIRE FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE WORLD, OF NATURE.

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JOY IN GOD IS IN COURSE OF BEING EXTINGUISHED IN US AND WE SEEK ALL OUR JOY IN THE CREATURE. AT THIS MOMENT GOD IS QUITE UNREAL TO US, HE LOSES ALL REALITY, AND ONLY DESIRE FOR THE CREATURE IS REAL; THE ONLY REALITY IS THE DEVIL. SATAN DOES NOT HERE FILL US WITH HATRED OF GOD, BUT WITH FORGETFULNESS OF GOD. AND NOW HIS FALSEHOOD IS ADDED TO THIS PROOF OF STRENGTH. THE LUST THUS AROUSED ENVELOPS THE MIND AND WILL OF MAN IN DEEPEST DARKNESS. THE POWERS OF CLEAR DISCRIMINATION AND OF DECISION ARE TAKEN FROM US... IT IS HERE THAT EVERYTHING IN ME RISES UP AGAINST THE WORD OF GOD.” —DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

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➡ TOOLS ➡ TEMPLATE ➡ SAME TACTICS

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(I) SATISFY YOURSELF

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“THE DEVIL TEMPTED JESUS
WITH AN ACTIVITY THAT
COULD BE EASILY
RATIONALIZED AS
VICTIMLESS. TURNING
STONES TO BREAD
WOULDN'T CAUSE
ANYONE ANY HARM.
IT MERELY CALLED UPON
JESUS TO SATISFY NORMAL
PHYSICAL NEEDS.
WHAT COULD BE WRONG
WITH THAT?”
—CHARLES SWINDOLL

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⁷DO NOT BE DECEIVED:
GOD IS NOT MOCKED,
FOR WHATEVER ONE
SOWS, THAT WILL HE
ALSO REAP. ⁸FOR THE
ONE WHO SOWS TO
HIS OWN FLESH WILL
FROM THE FLESH REAP
CORRUPTION, BUT THE
ONE WHO SOWS TO THE
SPIRIT WILL FROM THE
SPIRIT REAP ETERNAL
LIFE. —GALATIANS 6:7-8

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(2) DO IT YOURSELF

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(3) EXPRESS YOURSELF

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➡ TOOLS ➡ TEMPLATE ➡ TACTICS ➡ SAME TRAGEDY

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¹³LET NO ONE SAY WHEN HE IS TEMPTED, "I AM BEING TEMPTED BY GOD," FOR GOD CANNOT BE TEMPTED WITH EVIL, AND HE HIMSELF TEMPTS NO ONE. ¹⁴BUT EACH PERSON IS TEMPTED WHEN HE IS LURED AND ENTICED BY HIS OWN DESIRE. ¹⁵THEN DESIRE WHEN IT HAS CONCEIVED GIVES BIRTH TO SIN, AND SIN WHEN IT IS FULLY GROWN BRINGS FORTH DEATH. ¹⁶DO NOT BE DECEIVED, MY BELOVED BROTHERS. ¹⁷EVERY GOOD GIFT AND EVERY PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE, COMING DOWN FROM THE FATHER OF LIGHTS, WITH WHOM THERE IS NO VARIATION OR SHADOW DUE TO CHANGE.

—JAMES 1:13-17

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THERE IS A WAY THAT SEEMS RIGHT TO A MAN,
BUT ITS END IS THE WAY TO DEATH.

—PROVERBS 14:12

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3. THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS OVER TEMPTATION
OFFERS US HEALING AND HOPE

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¹⁵FOR WE DO NOT HAVE
A HIGH PRIEST WHO IS
UNABLE TO SYMPATHIZE
WITH OUR WEAKNESSES,
BUT ONE WHO IN
EVERY RESPECT HAS BEEN
TEMPTED AS WE ARE,
YET WITHOUT SIN.

¹⁶LET US THEN WITH
CONFIDENCE DRAW NEAR
TO THE THRONE OF GRACE,
THAT WE MAY RECEIVE
MERCY AND FIND GRACE
TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED.

—HEBREWS 4:15-16

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WHY THE CROSS?

- THAT HE MIGHT DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL, 1 JOHN 3:8
- THAT HE MIGHT DELIVER US FROM OUR FALLEN STATE, ROMANS 5:19
- THAT HE MIGHT RECOVER US AND REDEEM US FOR GOD'S GLORIOUS PURPOSE

¹⁶DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT IF YOU PRESENT YOURSELVES TO ANYONE AS OBEDIENT SLAVES, YOU ARE SLAVES OF THE ONE WHOM YOU OBEY, EITHER OF SIN, WHICH LEADS TO DEATH, OR OF OBEDIENCE, WHICH LEADS TO RIGHTEOUSNESS? ¹⁷BUT THANKS BE TO GOD, THAT YOU WHO WERE ONCE SLAVES OF SIN HAVE BECOME OBEDIENT FROM THE HEART TO THE STANDARD OF TEACHING TO WHICH YOU WERE COMMITTED, ¹⁸AND, HAVING BEEN SET FREE FROM SIN, HAVE BECOME SLAVES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. —ROMANS 6:16-18

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