The Temptation of Power

Luke 4:1-13

*Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.*

*3The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”*

*4Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”*

*5The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7If you worship me, it will all be yours.”*

*8Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”*

*9The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. 10For it is written:*

*“‘He will command his angels concerning you  
    to guard you carefully;  
11they will lift you up in their hands,  
    so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”*

*12Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”*

*13When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time*. Luke 4:1-13

The Temptations

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Three things to overcome the temptation of power

1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God

2. Live in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

+ Others see us in ways we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

+ Unison demonstrates God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

+ There is spiritual power in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

19“*Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them*.” Matthew 18:19-20

3. Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the Holy Spirit

*9But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. 10That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong*. 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10