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MESSAGE NOTES
The End...The Beginning

Part 5: Why the Struggle?

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1Peter 2:21 (NIV)

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

Our personal footsteps in following Christ:

1st Footstep – Belief in God and His resurrection

2nd Footstep – Purpose for our life

3rd Footstep – Our personal calling

4th Footstep – Christian community

Matthew 4:1-2 (NIV)

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

2Corinthians 10:3-5 (NKJ)

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ...

Matthew 4:3

The tempter came to Him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

1. The enemy will always question your _____.

Matthew 3:16-17 (NIV)

As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased."

Matthew 4:4

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

John 8:31-32 (AMP)

So Jesus said to those Jews who had believed in Him, "If you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples. And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free."

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

You cannot have a positive life and a negative mind.

-Joyce Meyer

Matthew 4:5-7

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"'He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

2. The enemy will always lie to you about the _____ of the Spirit of God in your _____.

1Corinthians 10:13 (NIV)

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful [to His Word and to His compassionate nature]; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out (the means of escape to a landing place) so that you can stand up under it.

James 1:2 (NIV)

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds...

Matthew 4:8-11

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'"

Then the devil left Him, and angels came and attended him.

3. The enemy will always lie to you about _____ the _____.

Ephesians 6:12 (AMP)

For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.

Romans 12:2

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.