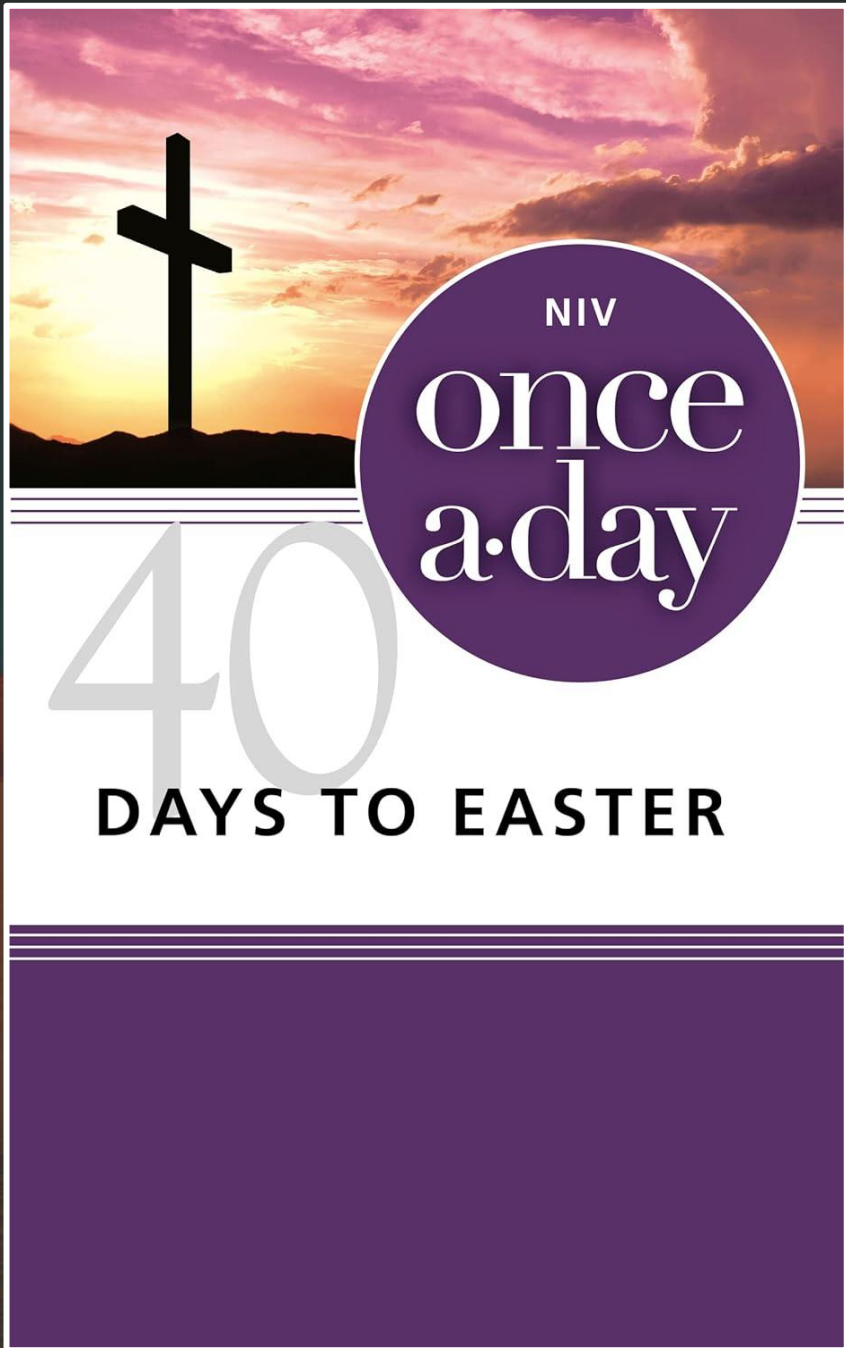


TODAY'S MESSAGE

THE TEMPTER
AND THE TEMPTED

L U K E 4 : 1 - 1 3



God is Good!
All the Time!
Jesus is Lord!
Always!

And The Holy Spirit
Guides us with
Truth and Grace!

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Numbers often carry meaning & significance

Especially in the Bible

1 = Unity or References to God

3 = Completed! Finished!


7 = Fulfillment or Perfection

**40 Days, Nights, Years... Testing,
Trial, Triumph, New Life, Growth...**

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

Luke 4:1-2

The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'" The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And 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. If you worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" The 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. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. Luke 4:3-13

A desert landscape with sand dunes under a teal sky. The dunes are rendered in shades of brown and orange, with a dark shadow cast by one of them. The sky is a solid teal color.

Have you been
tempted this week?

How?

CHOICES ARE A PART OF LIFE!

“But Christ was sinless, and he offered himself as an eternal and spiritual sacrifice to God.

Hebrews 9:14

When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed.”

James 1:13-14

FOUR STEPS TO RESISTING TEMPTATION

1. Identifying your areas of weakness.
2. Acknowledge the temptation(s).
3. Resist and Flee that temptation.
4. Seek God's Power & Strength, Jesus' Grace and The Holy Spirit's Guidance.
(Find an accountability partner to stay focused)

ROMANS 8

“There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus....”

“Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.”

“When we start believing what the Word says about us our behavior begins to radically and rapidly change. Believe it! You are holy, because God says so!”

Joyce Meyer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen