

How the Tempter Sells Us

Take off Jesus' halo. In reality he didn't have one. Like us, he was right there in the deep human struggle of temptation. You gotta hand it to the devil for his sheer audacity. If he tempted Christ, he won't hesitate with us. His specialty is temptation and he isn't constrained by truth, honesty, or morality. Because of his goodness, Jesus has to be forthright, up front. He doesn't do popularity, public relations, spinning commentary, mockery, talking points, or polls. He tells the truth. It got him crucified but it didn't stop him.

Satan doesn't drop in as the bad guy who says, "Join in my evil." He poses as a helpful voice whispering a shortcut solution to your problems. To Jesus he suggested there was no harm in using his power for himself by turning stones into bread. Then he suggested Jesus worship him, as a shortcut to dominion over the world. He was saying, "Why go through years of difficult ministry and end up dying on a cross? I can get you there now!" Finally, he wanted Jesus to test God's love by jumping off the height of the temple. He asks, "Don't you want to be known so you can help more people? Jumping will prove to you and to everyone that God is with you."

We are all tempted, and to be tempted is not a sin. Our opponent plays this to the max. He says, "There is no harm in listening to me..." and then he innocently lays out a path away from God.

- *Go ahead, do it. God will forgive you anyway.*
- *Sometimes you have to do something bad to make something good happen.*
- *Nobody will see or know. You have to do this and right now!*
- *Unless you want to be all alone forever, go ahead and move in together. You don't have to be married.*
- *Do it... it can't be wrong because it feels right. God made you this way so he can't blame you for how he made you.*
- *God says it is wrong, but things change. Everybody knows it's not wrong anymore. Ask anyone!*
- *Just a little something to take the edge off. You need it to cope. Just this time.*
- *It's natural.*

Don't expect the tempter to be ugly and scary. Be ready for a

friendly voice offering an easy way, appealing to your own goals and desires. Remember, he even knows how to twist the scriptures.

How did Jesus resist? He would not talk with Satan. His only response was with scripture he had memorized.

Mark

Today

1. **Missions Meeting**: right after Sunday Worship in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. For all who have been involved in missions and are interested in missions.
2. **Children's Church Meeting**: Right After Sunday Worship at the front of the Auditorium *for anyone interested in helping.*
3. **The "After Worship" LIFE Group**: led by the Jones & Dunkins will resume meeting today.

Elders & Wives Will Meet TOMORROW, JUNE 27th: 6:00 PM at the Finn's home for a meal.

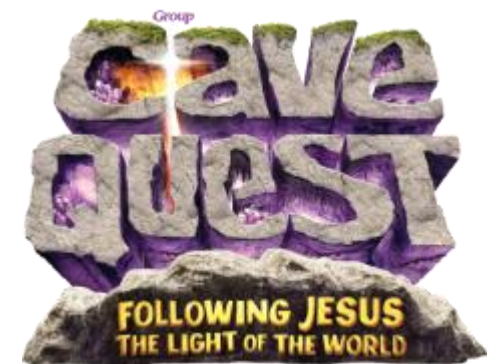
Special TEEN CLASSES Wednesdays PM: The teens will have their class at *Chick-fil-A* with Mr. Rick.

Cathedral Kitchen: Our next date to serve is this Thursday, June 30th, 3:30 PM.

VBS is July 17-20!

Be sure to come and invite your friends!

Today's Worship



Leaders

Worship Leader: Carl Smith

Welcome & Scripture: Scott Schoener (Psalm 17:1-8)

Opening Prayer: Tony Ceraso Sr.

Lord's Supper: Josh Henderson, Kevin Finn, Jess Nitla, Ed Francoeur

Scripture Before Message: Jiony Colon (Rev. 22:12-17)

Announcements & Closing Prayer: Tony Ceraso Jr.

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“Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)

“Dressed-To-Serve Sunday” – July 10: Come dressed to serve as we will be cleaning-up the building in preparation for VBS. We will share a pizza lunch.

Haircuts for Missions: will be on July 9th.

The VBS Team From Sylvan Hills Church of Christ

Will be arriving on July 16th with **25 people**. Sign up to help with Meals and Housing for the Team.

Volunteers for July: Communion Prep: & Sunday Clean-up: **Sandra M.**, Bringing Donuts: **Tony & Fay**, Nursery: **Sandie, Jaela, Nina, Elaine, Lillian, Debbie, Nawana, Elizabeth, Hannah, Alexia.**

Volunteers Still Needed for July: Bringing Bagels & Setting, Doing the Laundry. If you will help by doing these things for July, please sign-up on the bulletin board.

Nursery: Hoa & Layla Next Week: Sandie & Jaela

Orange Cleaning Team: June 29-July 2 **Tony & Fay** coordinate

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Worship Total135

Bible Class85

Wednesday pm52

Contribution \$2,540

Budget Goal.....\$4,260



"He was tempted in every way, just as we are-- yet was without sin"

Hebrews 4:15