

# Things to Pray for:

**CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS:** Pray for Katy, as she recovers from her wrist surgery. Pray for Carolyn Dodd and what's going with her thyroid. Pray for Jerry Jamrozy, who has bone cancer.

**MISSIONARIES:** This month pray for the Mishkins.

**FAMILY OF THE WEEK:** Each week we'll pray for a different family in our church. This week pray for the Rollfs.

**HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS:** Pray that the church would continue to stay unified under Christ. Pray for our livestream and for the people joining us there. Pray for Casa Del Alfarero, the Spanish-speaking Missionary Church 5 minutes from our building.

**CURRENT HAPPENINGS:** Pray for the war in Israel. Pray for the war in Ukraine.

## Numbers

### Attendance

In-person on 1/7: 45

Online views (through 1/10): 7

### Giving

Online (1/1/24-1/7/24): will be included in next week's bulletin

In-Person on 1/7/24: \$1945 for general

Total general needed weekly to meet budget: \$1623

Rather view this information on your phone?  
Feel free to scan this Q.R. code to view this on the Bible app! For future reference, we always have the QR code posted at the main entrance that will take you to that week's event in the Bible app!



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Matthew

FROM TAX COLLECTOR TO APOSTLE

Welcome to

Hillside  
MISSIONARY CHURCH

# Welcome!

January 21st, 2024

Whether you're a guest or a long-time attendee we're glad you're here with us. We're a friendly and caring group of Christians who are here to help people be **CONNECTED** with Jesus, **CHANGED** by Jesus, and **COMMITTED** to the mission of Jesus.

**GUESTS:** Thanks for joining us today! We truly believe that you're not here by accident and that God has some amazing plans for your life. If you'd like some information about who we are and how to get plugged in here at Hillside, please fill out the "I'm New" page on our website, which can be found by the QR code to the right.



**SERMON SERIES:** Today we are continuing our sermon series going through the Gospel of Matthew.

**HELP UKRAINE:** Our denomination, the Missionary Church, has set a prayer guide, as well as a relief project fund for us to be able to help Ukraine during their time of need. Check out the links below by pointing your phone camera to the Q.R. codes:



**Prayer Guide**



**Relief Fund**

## Announcements

**WOMEN'S RETREAT:** Ladies, mark your calendars for the regional denominational retreat! This year, it is happening on Saturday, March 2nd, at St. Mark Missionary Church. Please see Tammi for more details.

**SMALL GROUPS:** This is a great time to join a small group! Joining a small group is a great way to grow in your faith. There is a small group that meets on Sunday mornings, at 9:30am, and men's and women's groups that meet every other Tuesday evening. For more information, please see Pastor Josh.

## Opportunities to Help

**TECH:** Our worship team is looking for someone who would like to run sound and/or slides. Please see Pastor Josh.

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Would you like to help out on the worship team? Please see Carolyn Dodd for details.

**PRAYER GUIDE:** Will you be in prayer for Hillside? Prayer guides are available at the welcome counter. Also, if you would like to be a prayer advocate, please see Pastor Josh.

**MAINTENANCE TEAM:** Would you like to help out on the maintenance team? We need help inside and outside the building. Please see Jeff Soule for details.

## Pray for the war in Israel

Pray for the families who have lost loved ones  
Pray for a swift end to the conflict, and for stable peace  
Pray for wisdom for the leaders of Israel  
Pray for wisdom for world leaders  
Pray for those being held hostage  
Pray for the Christian leaders and churches in Israel  
Pray for the salvation of the lost

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Week 6 - Matthew 4:1-13 - 1/21/24

How the enemy can tempt us, and how to overcome it

## Introduction:

Did you know that Jesus was tempted to sin just like we are? Right after Jesus was baptized, He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. While there, He fasted for 40 days, and was tempted by the devil. Today, as we look at this part of God's Word, we are going to observe what techniques the devil used to tempt Jesus, and how Jesus overcomes the devil's temptations. By doing this we can learn how to overcome the temptations we find in our own lives.

## Message Outline:

### The enemy can tempt us with:

1. Earthly and bodily \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt. 4:3, Gal. 5:16-21, Rom. 8:12-14, 13:13-14, Gal. 6:8, 1 John 2:15-16
2. Half truths and bad \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt. 4:5-6, Eph. 6:10-20, 1 Pet. 5:8, 2 Cor. 11:14, John 8:44
3. Our \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt. 3:8-9, Prov. 11:2, 16:18, James 4:6, 1 John 2:16, Ob. 1:3

### We can overcome this temptation by:

1. Always being on \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt. 4:1, 1 Pet. 5:8, Rom. 12:1-2, 1 John 4:1, Eph. 6:18
2. Being full of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt. 4:1, Eph. 5:18, Acts 6:3, 1 Pet. 4:14
3. Arming ourselves with God's \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt. 4:4, 7, 10, Heb. 4:12, Ps. 119:105, 111, Is. 40:8, Col. 3:16
4. Keeping the \_\_\_\_\_ in mind  
Matt. 48-9; 2 Tim. 4:7, 1 Cor. 9:24-27, Phil. 2:16, 3:14, James 1:12

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# Reflecting on God's Word

## Getting Started

- Have you ever read or heard about this story before? What stood out to you as we were talking about it?
- What do you think it was like for Jesus to go from a high point in His life (being baptized), to go to such a dark point, where He is constantly being tempted?
- What do you think was Jesus' biggest physical challenge during His 40 days in the wilderness?
- Why do you think Jesus was led by Spirit into the wilderness? Read Heb. 2:18 and 4:15

## Diving In

Read Matthew 4:3. Not only is Jesus coming from a high moment in His life (His baptism), but He is also at a point of extreme hunger, where He probably felt completely empty. The enemy seems to tempt us when we are most vulnerable. What situations do you find yourself in where you feel the most tempted (i.e. alone, tired, stressed, lonely, ect.).

- How can you recognize when you think you will be tempted, and preemptively take step(s) to reduce that temptation? How do you think prayer would help in that process?

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- How can you increase your Biblical knowledge and discernment?
- What practical step(s) can you take to grow in your understanding of God's truth?

Read Matthew 4:7-11. Here, the devil appeals to Jesus' pride in order to tempt Him. Obviously, Jesus does not fall for this temptation, but unfortunately the same cannot be said of us. What type of sin can pride produce?

- Looking back in your life, has pride ever caused you to sin?
- How can you guard yourself against falling into sin because of pride?

Read Matthew 4:1. Jesus is full of the Spirit, and on guard against temptation. Evaluate your life during this season. How full of the Spirit and on guard against temptation are you?

- What practical step(s) can you implement into your life in order to be full of the Spirit and on guard against temptations in your life?

Read Matthew 4:7-11. The devil tempts Jesus with all the kingdoms of this world and their glory. Undoubtedly, Jesus would have been thinking of eternity with the Father, Himself, and the Holy Spirit being worshiped forever in the New Heaven and the New Earth. This is a long-term mindset, instead of a short-term mindset. How would having a more long-term mindset in your life help you to live your life in a way that worships God better?

- What stops you from having a long-term mindset?
- What are a few particular areas that you need help with having a long-term mindset in?

What are the biggest temptations you're facing during this season of your life? How long have you been battling them? What's worked? What hasn't worked? Spend some time reflecting and in prayer, asking the Lord to help you in these areas of your life.

- How would accountability help you with what you are being tempted with?

## Applying the Scripture

What are your biggest takeaways from this passage of God's Word?

- What practical step(s) do you need to implement in your life to apply what God has taught you in this passage of Scripture?
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