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Live On

How will you live on my word? How will you allow my word to feed you? How will you allow my word to sustain you? How will you allow my word to strengthen you so you can stand against evil and resist temptation? Those are good questions. Every day, I would like to meet with you in your word. I will enthusiastically welcome your word into my heart and mind and life. I will listen attentively to everything you have to say to me. I will allow your word to dwell in me richly. **How so?** I will read your word. I will study your word. I will meditate on and memorize your word. I will pray your word. I will proclaim your word. Most importantly, I will put your word into practice. I will do what your word tells me to do. In every way I will take hold of your word just as it will take hold of me. Your word will be my firm foundation. Your word will be my fortress of strength. I know that your Holy Spirit will use your word to fight in, with, and for me, in all the battles I will face in life. **That's true. That's right. You have answered my questions well.**

How has my word been working in your life? How is my word been changing your heart as you live on it? Your word has been changing my heart. The more I meet with you in your word, the hungrier I am for all that you have for me. I want to live the life you have called me to live. I want to go and do all that you ask of me. I want to accomplish your purposes and fulfill your plans. I want to know and do your will. I want your favor to rest on me. I want your power to work in and through me so I will be able to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. **That is very good.**

How has my word been transforming your mind as you put it into practice? Your word has been transforming the thoughts of my mind, words of my mouth, and deeds of my life. I am thinking your thoughts, speaking your words, and doing your deeds. Your word has been pushing my old worldly thoughts out of my heart, and mind, and life as I have meditated on and memorized your word. You have been giving your thoughts to think. **Yes, I have. Will you keep on living on my word?** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

Lord, thank you for showing me how you stood against temptation to do what is evil. I will have God's word in my heart and mind and on my lips so that it can be used by the Holy Spirit to help me to withstand attacks of temptation. Amen

Guidance *Jesus Answered*

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NIV Matthew 4:1-4

Guidance *Jesus Told Him*

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry. During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

NLT Matthew 4:1-4

Guidance *He Answered*

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

NRSV Matthew 4:1-4

Guidance *He Replied*

THEN JESUS was led (guided) by the [Holy] Spirit into the wilderness (desert) to be tempted (tested and tried) by the devil. And He went without food for forty days and forty nights, and later He was hungry. And the tempter came and said to Him, If You are God's Son, command these stones to be made [loaves of] bread. But He replied, It has been written, Man shall not live and be upheld and sustained by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

AMP Matthew 4:1-4

Guidance *He Answered*

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"

NASB Matthew 4:1-4

Guidance *He Answered*

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

ESV Matthew 4:1-4

Guidance *He Answered*

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

NKJV Matthew 4:1-4

Guidance *Jesus Answered*

Next Jesus was taken into the wild by the Spirit for the Test. The Devil was ready to give it. Jesus prepared for the Test by fasting forty days and forty nights. That left him, of course, in a state of extreme hunger, which the Devil took advantage of in the first test: "Since you are God's Son, speak the word that will turn these stones into loaves of bread." Jesus answered by quoting Deuteronomy: "It takes more than bread to stay alive. It takes a steady stream of words from God's mouth."

MSG Matthew 4:1-4

Guidance *Jesus Told Him*

Then Jesus was led out into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit, to be tempted there by Satan. For forty days and forty nights he ate nothing and became very hungry. Then Satan tempted him to get food by changing stones into loaves of bread. "It will prove you are the Son of God," he said. But Jesus told him, "No! For the Scriptures tell us that bread won't feed men's souls: obedience to every word of God is what we need."

TLB Matthew 4:1-4

Guidance *Jesus Answered*

Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Jesus ate nothing for forty days and nights. After this, he was very hungry. The devil came to Jesus to tempt him, saying, "If you are the Son of God, tell these rocks to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written in the Scriptures, 'A person does not live by eating only bread, but by everything God says.'"

NCV Matthew 4:1-4

Jesus Answered

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Guidance – Matthew 4:1-4

In Context: *Read Matthew 4*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, thank you for showing me how you stood against temptation. You resisted every attack. I will have God's word in my heart and mind and on my lips so it can be used by the Holy Spirit to help me to withstand every evil attack. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When might be a weak moment and opportune time for the devil to try to tempt you to do something evil?

How are you withdrawing and separating yourself from obviously tempting circumstances?

What strategies has the devil used to try to tempt you to do something sinful?

How has the Holy Spirit strengthened you so you can stand against an attack of evil?

How has God's word in your heart and mind and on your lips helped you to resist temptation?

What from God's word has helped you to stand against temptation?

How has your faith in the Lord grown as He has strengthened you to stand against temptation?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Hide God's word in your heart so that the Holy Spirit will be able to use it to help you to resist temptation.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Holy Spirit will use God's word to help you to resist temptation when it comes to attack you.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how God's word in your heart has helped you to resist temptation.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you live on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will live on every word that comes from your mouth.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I live on every word that comes from your mouth?
