

## Worship Service

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

*Worship Song .....	Together with Band	
Opening Prayer .....	Presider	
Bible Reading .....	Matthew 4:1-4 .....	Robert Stewart
Prayer .....	Kurt Schwartz	
Announcement .....	Samuel Lebbie	
Offering Prayer .....	Presider	
Offering .....	Together	
Special Song .....	Worship Band	
Message .....	<b>Overcoming Temptation of Flesh</b> ..... Timothy Hong	
Prayer of Blessing .....	Presider	

### Today's Sermon Outline **Overcoming Temptation of Flesh**

Matthew 4:1-4

#### **Resist the devil**

Whenever the devil tempts us, the first step to overcome temptation is to resist the devil (James 4:7).

First, we must discern between the voice of the devil and the voice of God.

Here Jesus heard the voice speak: *"If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."* If Jesus had turned the stones into bread and eaten it after forty days of fasting, He would have got sick or even died instantly. Jesus considered the destructive and deadly consequence of following the voice. And He discerned the devil's voice from God's voice and resisted the devil. To discern devil's voice from God's voice, we must think about the result or consequence of listening to a voice.

Secondly, to resist the devil, we must be obedient to God's will in all circumstances. If Jesus had used His power to feed the desire of His flesh, He would have abused the power against God's will. God's will for Jesus was to use His supernatural power to lead lost souls to God's salvation. As Jesus did, to resist the devil we must resist the physical desire to do something against God's will.

Third, to resist the devil we must control a desire provoked by the devil at its beginning stage. Jesus firmly said, "no" to the devil's word at the outset of

temptation. Say "no" to the devil at the outset of his temptation. And you can overcome the devil's temptation.

#### **Fight the devil with the word of God.**

The devil is a spiritual being, and he is wiser than any human being. The devil does not appear to us as an ugly monster. The devil always appears to us like a good, innocent and charming being (2 Corinthians 11:14). So, it is very hard for us to recognize the deceptive devil.

There is only one thing that can expose the devil, and gives us wisdom and power which surpasses the devil's wisdom and power. It is the word of God. The word of God is the sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12-13). The word of God helps us not only defend the devil's attack, but also crush the devil (Psalm 119:9-100).

Jesus used nothing but the word of God when He resisted the devil and defeated him. Jesus overcame the deadly temptation of the devil with the word in Deuteronomy 8:3.

Before you pursue any desire of the flesh, check the desire with God's word. Seek God's word which can justify your desire. God will give you the right word with which you can defeat the devil's temptation.

#### **Pursue and desire the spiritual**

Pursuing something spiritual is a positive way to overcome the devil's temptation of the flesh. With the word, *"Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God"* Jesus meant that man is a spiritual being as well as a physical being, and that man needs spiritual food as well as physical food. By pursuing spiritual food, He overcame the temptation and the desire of flesh.

The purpose of the devil is to entice us to follow the desire of the flesh without feeding our spirit which will eventually corrupt us, sicken us, demolish our faith, and destroy our lives. While we offer our bodies to do something holy and righteous, and keep fearing the holy God, the Holy Spirit fills our hearts with the gift of self-control. The gift of self-control from the Spirit gives us supernatural power. It drives out evil desires from our hearts.

#### ***Application Questions***

1. How can you discern the devil's voice from the voice of God?
2. Why is it important to resist the devil at the outset of temptation?
3. How can you use the word of God as a sword of the Spirit to overcome devil's temptation?
4. How can you receive the gift of self-control from the Holy Spirit with which you can overcome devil's temptation of flesh?

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## Announcements

### Welcome New Comers and Visitors

We welcome all new comers and visitors to our worship service today. Please join us for our lunch fellowship which will be held in the fellowship hall right after the service.

### Lunch Preparation

This week – African group

Next week – American, European and College group

\*Today's fellowship cleaning turn is African and American group (Leader- Samuel Lebbie)

### Prayer Request

\*For recovery – Christine Plimpton is recovering at her home from a serious injury and surgery caused by a car accident.

\* For Angelito Garcia – needs the Lord's favor when he will take administrative hearing at Truman college on Monday (3/13).

### Church News

Kurt Schwartz passed the Midwest Presbytery exam for a pastor ordination candidate last Tuesday (3/7).

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### Groups for Fellowship Hall Cleaning on Sundays (March)

Date	Group	Leader
Mar 5	Asian group	Lyle Atonson
Mar 12	<b>African, American</b>	<b>Samuel Lebbie</b>
Mar 19	College and Youth group	Moses Sanchez
Mar 26	Spanish group	Analís Gomez Garcia

### Ushers of the Month

<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Tony Bokhari, Patricia Grass, Lina Morillo, Lyle Atonson
<b>Welcome Ushers</b>	Haroon & Anayza Wilson, Analís Gomez, Rosanna Bokhari

### Last Week's Offering

<b>Tithe</b>	Maria Regina Gigi Alberto//Lyle & Linnie Atonson//Tony & Rosanna Bokhari//Eryn Corachea//Rene & Lynn Corachea//Romulo & Isabel Espinoza//Charles Gaines//Angelito P Garcia//Susa K Han//Lydia Hong//Alex & Analís Lucas Garcia//Lina & Ender Carvajal Morillo//Moses Sanchez//Kiwang & Inok Ryu Song//Bob Stewarts//Jasmine Luna
<b>Lord's Day</b>	John & Branda Ayettey//Erlyn Balano//Maximo & Isabel Fernandez//Timothy Hong//Samuel Lebbie//Alex & Analís Lucas Garcia//Lina & Ender Carvajal Morillo//Rose Padilla//Candy Sanchez//Kamila//Jeong Ae Song//Kanos Ibarra
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	Erlyn Balano//Jovie Dumlaog Sotelo//Charles Gaines//Timothy Hong//Rosanna Pascual
<b>Mission</b>	Byung, Sung & Brian Cheon//Romulo & Isabel Espinoza//Angelito P Garcia//Analís Gomez//Susan K Han//Elizabeth Pumah//Bob Stewarts//Won & Kyoung Kim

### Weekly Bible Reading Chart

Day/date	Old Testament	Check	New Testament	Check
Mon 3-13-17	Deuteronomy 23-25		Mark 14:1-11	
Tue 3-14-17	Deuteronomy 26-28		Mark 14:12-26	
Wed 3-15-17	Deuteronomy 29-32		Mark 14:27-52	
Thu 3-16-17	Deuteronomy 33-34		Mark 14:53-72	
Fri 3-17-17	Joshua 1		Mark 15	
Sat 3-18-17	Joshua 2-4		Mark 16	
Sun 3-29-17	Joshua 5-8		Luke 1	

### Worship Services:

Sunday 11:30 AM

### Prayer Services

Sundays 9:30 AM - Room 106

Friday 8:00 PM

### Bible Study

Shepherd Group – Wednesday 8:00 PM

Saturday 10:30 AM

### Cell Groups

Friday according to arrangement of each cell

### College Student Ministry

Bible study – Church, Sunday 1:30 PM

Campus group- Truman, Friday 1:00 PM

### Youth Ministry

Sunday – 1:30 PM

### Children's Ministry

Sunday school- Sunday 11:30 AM

### ESF Band Practice

Sunday 9:30 AM & 1:30 PM

## Missionaries

Nancy Campos – Campus ministry in Peru

Miguelina Martinez- Campus ministry in Dominican Republic

Suri Kumar – Campus ministry and Hindu ministry in India

Jordan Custorio – Campus ministry in the Philippines

Richard Shaffer – Campus ministry in USA

Paul Uzoma – Campus ministry in Benin, Africa

Rahab Lee – Campus ministry in Asia

Chan Park – Church planting ministry in Croatia, Europe

Jung H. Suh – Campus ministry in Iowa, USA

Hae Taek Kwon – Campus ministry in New York, USA

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