



PURPOSE CHURCH

SUNDAYS 8:30am | 10:00am | 11:30am



JANUARY 5, 2025

THE REAL JESUS

What He Said, What He Did, and How We Follow

WELCOME TO PURPOSE CHURCH!

Are you new to Purpose Church?

We are so glad you are here! We want to meet you, answer any questions you might have, and help you get connected. Come to the Connect Center located in the Lobby after the service to meet our friendly team and pick up a free gift!

NEXT STEPS AT PURPOSE

We believe every person has a *next step* to take. We are here to help you discover and take yours.

Have you decided to follow Jesus?
Do you want to get baptized?
Do you need hope, healing and support?
Are you looking for meaningful community?

Head to: purposechurch.com/nextsteps



EVERYONE EVERYWHERE FOLLOWING JESUS

PRAYER

Join us this month for 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting. Head to purposechurch.com/prayer for more information or to submit a prayer request.

GIVING

We believe that generous people transform the world! Offering boxes are available in the lobby on Sundays or you can give online. purposechurch.com/give

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TEMPTATION ISN'T THE PROBLEM

January 5 / Pastor Eric Holmstrom

1 Peter 5:8-10

Matthew 4:1-2

TEMPTATION #1: INSTANT _____

Matthew 4:3-4

TEMPTATION #2: INSTANT _____

Matthew 4:5-7

TEMPTATION #3: INSTANT _____

Matthew 4:8-11

THE _____ STAGES OF TEMPTATION

James 1:13-16

PRE-DECIDED BIBLICAL _____ TO COMMON TEMPTATIONS

Philippians 4:10-13

Psalms 119:11

- #1 - Lust = 1 Corinthians 6:18-20
- #2 - Worry = Philippians 4:6-7
- #3 - Pride = Proverbs 16:18
- #4 - Greed = 1 Timothy 6:10
- #5 - Bitterness = Ephesians 4:31-32
- #6 - Laziness = Proverbs 6:6-11
- #7 - Despair = Jeremiah 29:11
- #8 - Gossip = James 1:26
- #9 - Revenge = Matthew 5:44
- #10 - Envy = Proverbs 14:30
- #11 - Anger = James 1:19-20
- #12 - Identity = Ephesians 2:10

REFLECT | DISCUSS | PRACTICE

1. **REFLECT:** Read Matthew 4:1-11. What are some of the most frequent temptations you're facing now and what role has God's Word played in helping you combat those?
2. **DISCUSS:** Jesus was tempted with instant gratification, instant validation, and instant control—which of those does Satan most often tempt you to grasp for and why do you think that is?
3. **DISCUSS:** Read 1 Peter 5:8-10. Do you live daily like you have an enemy who is wanting to devour you? What would that look like and how could that help you overcome temptations?
4. **DISCUSS:** Read James 1:13-16. How have you personally experienced the stages of temptation and what has worked to reverse them?
5. **DISCUSS:** Read Philippians 4:10-13. How can Paul's example of being content in all situations by Christ's power help us experience victory in our temptations?
6. **PRACTICE:** Make a list of your 3-5 greatest temptations you regularly face and find a Bible verse to combat each one that will encourage you to resist them. Then put that list somewhere you will see it often or save a picture of it on your phone so you can reference it when you face those temptations. For more life group, reflection, and discussion content, visit: purposechurch.com/groups

Fill in the blanks: GRATIFICATION, VALIDATION, CONTROL, PREDICTABLE, RESPONSES

