



WHEN WE PRAY

Read: Luke 11:1-4

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” 2 And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom Come. 3 Give us each day our daily bread, 4 and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. **And lead us not into temptation.**”

Getting Started:

- What does it mean to pray for protection from temptation?
 - How can trials and tests strengthen our faith?
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Digging Deeper:

Sunday, Kyle put temptations into three categories:

Trials that test our faith

- How can we differentiate between a trial that tests our faith and a temptation that leads us to sin?
- How can we maintain our faith and trust in God when we face prolonged trials and suffering?
- What steps can we take to prevent doubt from leading us into sin during difficult times?
- In what ways can trials and suffering be seen as opportunities for spiritual growth rather than obstacles?

Temptations are enticements to sin

- What can we learn from Jesus' responses to the devil's temptations in Matthew 4 about resisting sin?
- Why is it significant that Jesus was tempted in every way but did not sin?
- How can we apply the lessons from Jesus' temptations to our own battles with sin and temptation?

Temptations arise from within us

- In what ways does the nature of the world and its lies contribute to our temptations?
- What is the source of our temptations according to James 1:14?
- How does our internal sinful nature contribute to our temptations?

Matthew 6:13: "And lead us not into temptation but **deliver us from the evil one."**

- How can we discern between human conflict and spiritual warfare?
- In what ways do the rulers, authorities, and powers of this dark world manifest in society today?
- How does Matthew's parallel between temptation and the tempter help us understand the nature of evil?
- What strategies does the devil use to twist the goodness of God and deceive humanity?

Read Ephesians 6:10-20

- How does Ephesians 6:10-20 describe the way we should defend ourselves against the devil's schemes?
- What does it mean to put on the full armor of God, and how can it help us stand against the devil's schemes?
- How can we stay vigilant and prepared for the devil's organized and methodical attacks?
- What role does prayer play in defending against the devil's schemes, according to Ephesians 6:18?

The devil is a powerful enemy, using methodical schemes to exploit our weaknesses, which requires constant vigilance. Our world is infiltrated by evil, where good is seen as evil and vice versa, due to rejecting God's truth. Believers must recognize this spiritual battle, rely on God's strength and armor, and stay alert. To engage in this battle, Paul advises believers to:

Be Strong in the Lord

- What does it mean to be strong in the Lord in your daily life?

- How can we draw strength from our faith during challenging times?
- Can you share a personal experience where your faith helped you stay strong?

Put on the Armor

- What are the different pieces of spiritual armor mentioned in the Bible?
- How can we apply the concept of putting on the armor in modern-day situations?
- Why is it important to be spiritually prepared for life's battles?

Pray without Ceasing

- How can we incorporate continuous prayer into our busy schedules?
- What are some benefits of maintaining a constant prayer life?
- Can you think of any practical ways to remind yourself to pray throughout the day?

We Have an Unceasing Mission

- What do you believe is the mission we are called to fulfill?
- How can we stay motivated and focused on our mission despite obstacles?

Yesterday, I asked you to memorize **1 Peter 1:6-7**: **“In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”**

Use this verse as a powerful tool in your arsenal against the evil one.