

Message Notes



“Stand”

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Matthew 3:16-4:11

The enemy will tempt us to base our identity on what we can do.

“...If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.’ Jesus answered, ‘It is written: “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”” (Matthew 4:3-4)

“Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God...” (John 1:12)

The enemy will tempt us to base our identity on what others think about us.

“Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶‘If you are the Son of God,’ he said, ‘throw yourself down. For it is written: “He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”’ ⁷Jesus answered him, ‘It is also written: “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”” (Matthew 4:5-7)

“...If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

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³⁶As it is written: 'For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.'³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:31-39)

The enemy will tempt us to base our identity on what we have.

"Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.'¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."¹¹Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him." (Matthew 4:8-11)

"What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?" (Mark 8:36)

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." (Luke 16:13)

When our identity is based on what our Father in Heaven says about us, we will overcome.

"As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'" (Matthew 3:16-17)

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