



## The Way in the Wilderness

*Sunday, July 19, 2020*



TALK  
ABOUT IT

- When you are tempted to sin or overwhelmed with thoughts that are not from the Lord, what verses or truths about God do you turn to?



PRAYER

As we go into the sermon, the weight of our own concerns, the challenges we face, and the ways in which we have fallen short of God's heart in our lives can weigh heavily on us. Take time to read through Philippians 4:4-7, and then take time to pray together.

### **Philippians 4:4-7**

"4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Take time to pray: include requests of things that are weighing on you, as well as thankful declarations for all that God is and has been doing in your life.



SERMON +  
WORSHIP

Watch this week's Sermon and Worship Set  
*(reminder, it's easiest to watch it from the YouTube playlist)*



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- **Pastor Brandon first addressed that Jesus was given a declaration of identity in His baptism, and then the first temptation Jesus faced was a question of identity (“if you are the Son of God”).**
  - Why is this an important part of temptation? What does Jesus’ identity (and in our case, our identity) as a child of God matter when it comes to being tempted?
  - You see a similar tactic used by the serpent in the Garden of Eden in Genesis 3, “Did God REALLY say...?” What are some subtle lies that we are tempted to believe that allow us to justify our sin?
- **Pastor Brandon made the statement, “The same place that the accuser wants to use to destroy you, is the same place that the Spirit wants to use to develop you.”**
  - Scripture makes it clear that we will face a myriad of temptations; so the temptation is not in and of itself sinful. So what allows a temptation to “develop” us versus cause us to sin?
- **Jesus used Scripture to combat the temptations of Satan. If you were only able to rely on the Scriptures you know by heart to combat the lies of Satan, how much of God’s Word would be available to you right now?**

*(more on next page)*



## PRACTICE POINTS

- **Romans 12:2 says, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”**
  - What are the ways to “renew your mind” this week? This could be both things that you intentionally put in your mind and the things you choose to stop putting in your mind?
- **Pastor Brandon talked about writing down Psalm 94:19 and putting it in his pocket to remind Him of that truth.**
  - What verse or verses could you write down to encourage you in an area you’re struggling with right now?



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**Want additional content to dive into during the week? Try this:**

*These prompts can be used one-per-day or for an extended time on your own, with your spouse or family members, or with your small group:*

- **Take time this week to read through these passages as they relate to temptation/testing. With each passage, ask yourself the following questions:**
  - What does this passage tell me about temptation or testing?
  - What does this passage tell me about the heart of God?

- What does this passage tell me about myself or mankind?
- Based on this passage, is there anything I need to start, stop, or change that I have been doing?

**Here are the passages:**

- 1 Corinthians 10:13
- James 1:12-15
- Proverbs 6:28
- Hebrews 4:14-16