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## Temptation

I have frequently heard teachings about how, in the wilderness, Satan tempted Jesus in all the same categories as we get tested and Jesus passed the test, and the implication I received from those sermons was that Jesus was never tested again.

As I was reading Luke 4 recently, it suddenly struck me that the temptation report ends with, '*Satan left him until the next opportunity*' or some translations read, '*until an opportune time*'. Then I remembered Hebrews 4:15, which says Jesus was tempted in every way, just as we are.

Previously, I had assumed this meant during his testing time in the wilderness. But Satan doesn't just tempt us one time and, if we pass, then he leaves us alone. He watches for the next opportunity. And so, as Jesus was tempted in every way as we are, therefore He must have also been tested again and we just aren't told the details.

This is encouraging news! Because, in our lives, sometimes we are tempted, and we resist, and we feel proud of ourselves for resisting. Then the temptation comes again, and our resolve weakens, and we feel we can't resist, and we give in to the temptation.

Subconsciously, we may think Jesus never had to battle temptation as much as we do. But we can see Him battling temptation again in the garden when He cried out to the Father, "If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken from me. Yet not my will but your will be done" (Matthew 26:39). He prayed this way multiple times. Can you see that the temptation was there for Him to avoid the coming suffering? Yet, He took the temptation straight to His Father and surrendered His will to the Father's will.

Jesus is our example for everything in our lives. When we are tempted, let's remember to go running to the Father, just as Jesus did, and surrender our will to His.

-[Tanya Person](#) Seeds of the Kingdom

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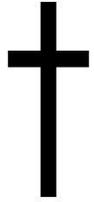
Quiz Night at St. John's in Methven on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

All had a great night with 12 teams competing. Lots of laughs and family fun.

A big thankyou to everyone that supported us, helped with supper and cleanup.~ Joan Wright



Hello, Lord,  
 I've been talking and arguing with this guy over and over, for ages.  
 We argue and reason and debate; we grapple with politics and psychology, world events and scientific discovery,  
 And, always, when it comes to religion, we seem to part company.  
 I see the world as Your world - politics and life- . people and events -  
 all somehow fitting in Your scheme of things.  
 He Doesn't see it that way at all. All to him is neatly packaged without God, man has the measure of everything.  
 But to me it never adds up without You.  
 Lord, help me to show him that this is Your world, that You are the centre of it,  
 and not an optional extra.



Hello, Lord,  
 Why is it only bad news gets recorded?  
 Bad news make headlines. Bad news sells feature stories. Bad news make TV programmes.  
 Why is it people only want sadness and tragedy, suffering and horror, dirt and disaster?  
 Your Gospel is good news, it shows another side - Your side to sin and evil, disease and death, dirt and disaster.  
 It says that life need not be bad news, but good news because of Your love.  
 Your news doesn't make the headlines. The papers think they've heard it all before.  
 But please don't give up, Lord. tell us Your side of the story -  
 the Good News of Your love that pardons, cleanses, and transforms.  
 Tell it like it is, so that we don't get the idea that life's all bad.

**St. Andrew's Rakaia**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October

10:30 am | Rakaia Fit Kids | with Miranda A time for friendship, fun, and support. Welcome to all pre-school children.

1:00 pm | Steady As You Go | Balance, strengthening and gentle exercises for senior folk's health and well-being.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October

1:30 pm | Euchre Card Afternoon

This Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October at St Andrew's Rev John Titlow will be reflecting on the Bible Reading from  
 Exodus 20: 1 - 17 and Matthew 22; 34 - 46

Exodus reading is about The Ten Commandments and Matthew reading deals with The Great Commandment  
 Two prayers from the Book "Hello Lord ... Ivor Bailey Speaking

**St. John's Methven**

This Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October is St. John's **Shop Day!** Cakes & produce for sale at Methven Mall from 9:30 am.

Donations of baking, etc. can be left at Faye and Graeme Mangins, 43 Morgan Street prior to Friday.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October

2:30 pm | Plains Governance Meeting

		Sunday Services	
Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. John Titlow
	10:00 am	Trinity Mayfield	Rev. Arii
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. Neville Burns
Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. Arii Parish Service

Father, I thank You that You see and know everything. Thank You that Jesus can be my model for living  
 in every aspect of my life. Help me to remember to run to You when temptation comes, that I don't need  
 to fight it on my own, but I simply need to give it to You and surrender my will to Yours. Amen.

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