

**SERMON NOTES**  
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**Choosing Life!**  
Luke 4:1-13

When you read this story, what do you believe?

- Life is Hard  
Hebrews 5:8; Luke 4:1; Genesis 50:20
- God gives us choices  
1 John 2:17; Hebrews 5:14

Deuteronomy 30:19 "This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live."

- Scripture is powerful  
1 Corinthians 10:13; Psalm 119:105
- Evil is personal  
Matthew 12:29; 1 Peter 5:8
- Grace is free  
Romans 5:17

2 Corinthians 5:21 "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

Learning to choose like Christ!

## Scripture lesson for today.

### Luke 4:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

<sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

<sup>4</sup>Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'"

<sup>5</sup>The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup>So if you worship me, it will all be yours."

<sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

<sup>9</sup>The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup>For it is written:

" 'He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you carefully;

<sup>11</sup>they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.