

**Encounter these verses today:**

*(circle) words that you identify with, underline phrases or sentences you'd like to remember, write questions about the passage out to the side ...*



**James 1:13-18 [NIV] :: Temptations**

<sup>13</sup>When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup>but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. <sup>15</sup>Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

<sup>16</sup>Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup>He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

**Matthew 4:1-11 [NIV] :: Temptation of Jesus**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

<sup>4</sup>Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup>"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

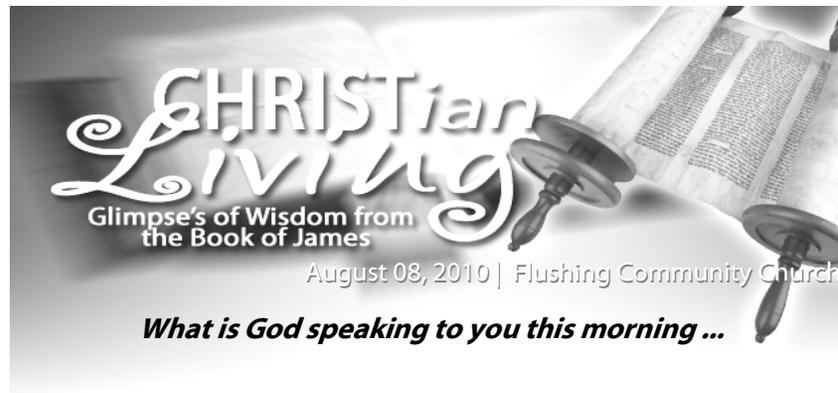
" 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup>"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

<sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.



# Digging Deeper | 2010

[Engage the message throughout the week]

## Monday: 8.09.2010

**Reading:** Matthew 4:1-11

We begin our week by remembering the temptation that Christ went through just before his public ministry began. These moments were certainly an assault by the devil, yet Jesus could see through every scheme.

**Think about it:**

Is it comforting for you to see Jesus go through several moments of temptation? He knows exactly how you feel about your own temptations!

**Pray for:** *Families: Powell & Quintal*

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Tuesday: 8.10.2010

**Reading:** 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

"Taking every thought captive" requires a high level of awareness throughout your day. It requires a skill of understanding your limitations and weaknesses.

**Think about it:**

How aware of your thoughts are you normally. How can you increase that awareness?

**Pray for:** *Families: Robertson & Rutherford*

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Wednesday: 8.11.2010

**Reading:** 1 Corinthians 10:11-13

Have you ever gone to a haunted house in the fall and thought ... I'll never get out of here! The only thing getting you through moments like that is remembering that everyone else has gotten through - so can you.

**Think about it:**

Whatever your struggle or temptation - you are not alone.  
Whatever your fear - you are not alone. Whatever your failure - you are not alone! The victory rests with God!

**Pray for:** *Families: Salem & Samson*

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Thursday: 8.12.2010

**Reading:** Psalm 121

Where does my help come from? Who can we turn to in times of trouble? What is the source of your protection? This Sunday, we will begin to talk about "renewal" of the soul and the re-discovery of God's grace in our daily lives.

**Think about it:**

Pray today that God will open your heart and mind to His work this weekend. *Lord, refresh my spirit and renew my life.*

**Pray for:** *Families: Schaibly & Schilke*

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Friday: 8.13.2010

**Reading:** Romans 12:1-2

I never grow tired of reading these powerful verses. The hope for renewal is found in these words. Transformation can come (according to Paul's words here) by changing our perspective - renewing our mind.

**Think about it:**

Have you conformed to the world's pattern for your life? Are there areas in your life requiring transformation for you today?

**Pray for:** *Families: Sedlarik & Shelton*

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Saturday: 8.14.2010

**Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Being transformed, renewed, and refreshed by God's Spirit is a part of the sanctifying process that all believers need to experience. God can do great things when we allow Him full access to every part of our life.

**Think about it:**

Is there an area of your life needing surrender today? Don't delay. Don't be afraid of God's grace. Don't miss the blessing of experiencing the wholeness God offers.

**Pray for:** *Families: Simmons & Smith*

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_

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