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Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 10:30 AM Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth 1 Thessalonians 1:8

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# **Deliver Me from Temptation**

- Glenn Elliott

esus was tempted (Mt. 4:1-11; Heb.4:15). We struggle with temptation. It is simply part of the human condition. Each of us battle inward desires which can bring sin into our lives (Jas. 1:13-15). Satan is the tempter (Mt. 4:3). We must engage him in spiritual warfare by the strength which God supplies (2 Cor. 10-4-6; Eph. 6:10-13). We better get our minds firmly set on the life and death struggle each of us must face or be lost through our own carelessness or neglect!

Satan makes temptation attractive. He sugar-coats sin. He wraps it up in a



nice, little package. Sin has pleasures associated with it (Heb. 11:25). These pleasures manifest themselves in many ways. Satan knows that all people are not tempted in the same way. So, like a skillful fisherman, he makes each lure appropriate to the person being tempted. Each person is "tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own desires" (Jas. 1:14). Sin feels good. But, its consequences are heart-breaking (Rm. 6:23).

No one is immune to the evil influence of Satan's temptation. Deliverance is more than a sentence-prayer (Mt. 6:13). We must not be ignorant of Satan's schemes against us (2 Cor. 2:11). We must keep watch in prayer (Mt. 26:41). We must treasure up God's word in our hearts as a safeguard against sin (Ps. 119:11). We must trust God completely rather than lean on our own strength (Prov. 3:5). We cooperate in the process of deliverance by making firm resolutions (e.g. Dan. 1:8); by putting ourselves in the company of those who will encourage right choices (Heb. 10:23-25); and, by fleeing before temptation has opportunity to ensnare us in its web (2 Tim. 2:22). Above all, remember that God is faithful and will provide the way of escape (1 Cor. 10:13). Deliverance is ours through faith in Christ Jesus (1 Jn. 5:4; Rm. 8:37).

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**Meet & Greet Potluck** August 4, 2024

2024 Theme:

The Gospel Is for All

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## **Jesus: The Great Evangelist (Part 3)**

#### John 4

- I. Jesus sought souls by making sacrifices- v. 31-34
  - A. Seeking souls often requires sacrifice- 2 Corinthians 11:16
  - B. Jesus knew the urgency- James 4:13-17
- II. Jesus knew there were always those seeking- v. 35
  - A. Let us not become pessimistic- Romans 10:16
  - B. Let us be optimistic- 1 Corinthians 3:6, 9
- III. Jesus saw the joy in evangelism- v. 36-38
  - A. We play different roles- Ephesians 2:19-21, Philippians 4:17
  - B. We all share in the joy of a saved soul- Luke 15:7
- IV. Jesus was willing to inconvenience Himself- v. 39-40
  - A. Are we too busy? Acts 24:25
  - B. We must prioritize the work of God- Ephesians 5:16, 1 Corinthians 15:58
- V. Jesus knew that what convinces some does not convince others- v. 41-42
  - A. Some are convinced by very little- Matthew 8:5-13 B.Others need much more- Matthew 12:39-40, 27:45-54

## Worship Service

#### **Announcements**

Song: 888 Thank You, Lord

#### **Prayer**

Song: 12 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed? (vs. 1, 2, 3 refrain at end)

### **Lord's Supper and Contribution**

Song: 663 There Is Sunshine in My Soul (vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 562 Savior, Lead Me (vs. 1, 3)

**Scripture Reading:** John 4:31-35

#### Sermon

Song: 520 Only a Step

Song: 473 O How I Love Jesus (vs. 1,

3)

Prayer



### John 4:31-35

- In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."
- <sup>32</sup> But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."
- Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?"
- Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.
- Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

#### What must I do to be saved?

Hear: Romans 10:17. Believe: Mark 16:16. Repent: Acts 2:38.

Confess: Romans 10:9-10. Be Baptized: Acts 2:38. Live Faithfully: Revelation 2:10