



## Part 5: It Is Written

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### **A lie that Satan wants you to believe:**

**I am in charge of writing your story.**

#### **Jesus Under Pressure (Matthew 4:1-11)**

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness 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 shall 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.

### **At times, I am tempted to believe:**

There is no hope

God can't fix what I have broken

I am alone

My story being rewritten is an empty promise

### **In the temptation, Satan attempts to rewrite the truth:**

God won't take care of your needs so you need to rely on yourself

God won't catch you when you free-fall

God is replaceable

## **In those times, I must respond like Jesus:**

### ***It is written:***

*“Man shall not live on bread alone but on every word that comes out of the mouth of God.”*

**Application:** The promises of God sustain me and give me the spiritual strength to believe that “his grace is sufficient for me”

*“Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”*

**Application:** Satan is subject to the will of Jesus - not the other way around! Any test that comes against me will only strengthen my resolve to hold on to the one who truly holds my future

*“Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.”*

**Application:** I refuse to worship that which cannot save my soul

## **Next Step: Give to The CTK Blessing**

Over the past 10 years, hundreds of people's stories have been rewritten because of the CTK Blessing. You've heard one of those stories in today's service, and you can read more about The Blessing in today's program. Over the next three weeks you have an opportunity to give toward The Blessing using the green envelope in your program or by choosing “Blessing” when you give via Pushpay on your mobile device or computer.

## **Small Group Questions**

- 1) Have you ever experienced an autocorrect disaster? What happened?
- 2) What lie has Satan been trying to convince you is true? What is God's truth about that lie?
- 3) How can you respond like Jesus when you're being tempted? How can you get the Word into you so that it is available in the middle of pressure and temptation?
- 4) Which of the three applications do you need right now in your life? Why?
- 5) What is a verse in scripture that speaks truth to you? Claim that verse as “it is written” all week long! (Mine is Ephesians 2:10: “For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”)
- 6) What do you need prayer for tonight and throughout the week?