

# *“BE-ing Spirit Led Until The Devil Leaves”*

Matthew 4:10-11a

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## **INTRO:**

- When was the last fight that you **won** against the devil?
- When was the last fight that you **lost** against the devil?
- What have you learned & what would you tell others?

## **PRAYER**

## **CONTEXT:**

- Gospel of Matthew on the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- Ch.1&2 = *Introduction, Inauguration, & Coronation*
- Ch.3&4 = *Preaching repentance (2X) & Wilderness*
- Trials of life = sinful temptations **or** refining tests
- Ch. 4:1-11a = Satan’s “*IF*” vs. Christ’s “*IS*” = *Our HOW?*

## **BIG IDEA:**

By God’s grace and for His glory,  
learning, loving, & living The Word’s Gospel  
is the way we win & make the devil leave!

## **PREVIEW:**

- Living God’s WORD
- Living God’s WILL
- Living God’s WAY(s)

## TEXT:

### Matthew 4:1-9

1Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3And the tempter came and said to him, “**IF** you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” 4But he answered, “**It IS written**,

**“Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”**

5Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple 6and said to him, “**IF** you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,” and

“On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

7Jesus said to him, “**Again it IS written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’**” 8Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9And he said to him, “All these I will give you, **IF** you will fall down and worship me.”

## VIDEO: *Satan’s Strategies*

### Matthew 4:10-11a

Then Jesus said to him, “**Be gone, Satan! For it IS written, “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.”**” 11Then **the devil left him...**

**T/S:** Today I'm blessed to share with you 2 levels of good news... the temporary and forevermore... good news.

***“BE-ing Spirit-Led Until The Devil Leaves.”***

We'll see HOW, by God's grace & for His glory, we live in VICTORY!

## **TWO CRITICAL “WORD” CONTEXTS:**

1. **Satan's** short & long term defeat...
2. **Savior's divinity & humanity...**
  - a. Note what only He could do.
  - b. *Embrace what we Spirit-led can do like him.*

# I. Living God's WORD

## **Matthew 4:10-11a**

*Then Jesus said to him... **For it IS written,***

- A. Jesus is The LIVING Word (John 1:1ff).
- B. Scripture is the WRITTEN Word (2 Timothy 3)
- C. Faithful-GOSPEL-Obedience is the grace-based, glory-giving, Spirit-led fusion of both WORDs in a healthy, biblical believer's life (see John 3:36).
- D. **James 4:7...** *Submit yourself to God. **Resist the devil and he will flee from you.***

## II. Living God's WILL

### Matthew 4:10-11a

*Then Jesus said to him, “**Be gone, Satan!**”*

*This is an awesome text.* Jesus had enough of Satan's antics!

### **VIDEO:** *Satan's Tactics*

*Have you ever been fed up with Satan?* Be careful...

- Remember: don't think too much or too little...
- We need more Word vs. words or heretical work.
- This is where we need to understand Christ's:
  - Divinity – He calms storms & casts out Satan
  - Humanity – being led by The Spirit... (fast)
  - **Beware** the trappings of “*binding & loosing*”

### **VIDEO:** *“Biblical Binding & Loosing”*

### Proverbs 3:5-6

*Lean not on your own understanding, acknowledge Me and I will make your path (through the wilderness, in trials, sent by the Devil) straight (blessed and victorious).*

# III. Living God's WAY(s)

## Matthew 4:10-11a

Then Jesus said to him, ***“Be gone, Satan! For it IS written,” ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’*** 11 Then ***the devil left*** him,

## Luke 4:13

And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him ***until an opportune time.***

Two issues/questions before us:

1. How do we live until the Devil goes away short-term?
2. How do we live until the Devil goes away long-term?
3. **ANSWER: *the same way in both situations!***

# Word + Word = WIN!

***If & when we truly walk with the King... learning, loving, & living Him & His sword (on offense), He'll take care of the defense.***

When we are tempted and put to the test,  
we need The Logos and His rhema!

“Remember, if it doesn’t kill you,  
it can make you stronger... At the same time,  
if it doesn’t make you stronger,  
it’s probably killing you.”

- JDP

Victory is in The Word.

*Victory is with the worshippers  
who live in The Word that is  
The LORD and His Sword!*

**First...** we live IN the Word... we live IN HIM!

➤ **V.I.C.T.O.R.Y.**

- Vision & Valor
- Individual Insults & Injuries
- Cross-Carrying Christ-likeness
- Trials of Truthing & Trusting
- Obedience... Offense... & Overcoming!
- Realize REALITY! Repent, Rebuke, & Repeat
- YOU... Yearn-for... Yield-to... Yoke-with Jesus!

## ➤ P.O.W.E.R.

- Preparation & Purity
- Obedience... Offense & Overcoming!
- Witness of a Worshipping Warrior
- Engage, Explain, Equip, Empower, Exemplify
- R...

**VIDEO:** *"The 'R' of victory's P.O.W.E.R."*

**Second, we live *OUT The Word...*** Here's help for our friends:

1. Victory *is defined by God's Word.* 2 Timothy 3:16-17
2. Victory begins with God's love & grace. John 3:16
3. Victory *is found in Creator Christ alone.* John 1:1,14 & 14:6
4. Victory is a promised & finished gift. Gen. 3:15 & Jn. 19:20
5. Victory *requires God honoring vision.* Proverbs 29:18
6. Victory is always for God's glory. 1 Cor. 10:31 & Col. 3:17
7. Victory *requires biblical guidance.* Proverbs 3:5-6
8. Victory is over sin, Satan, & death. Ephesians 2:1-10
9. Victory *is needed universally...* Romans 3:23 & 6:23
10. Victory is supernaturally opposed. 1 Peter 5:8 & 2 Cor. 4:4
11. Victory *is impossible without God's initiation.* John 6:44
12. Victory is miraculously, Holy Spirit empowered. Acts 1:8
13. Victory *is received by faith & repentance.* Mark 1:15
14. Victory is eternally transformative. 2 Cor. 5:17-21
15. Victory *starts & is sustained IN & by Christ.* John 15:4
16. Victory comes with bold, biblical courage. Joshua 1:6-9
17. Victory *is BOTH shrewd AND innocent...* Matthew 10:16
18. Victory is often damnably counterfeited... Galatians 1:6-9

19. Victory *deals with wolves & vipers.* Matthew 7:15 & 23:33
20. Victory disciplines. Titus 1:11; 3:10 & Rom. 16:17-18 & Matt.18
21. Victory *exemplifies trusting confidence.* 1 Cor. 10:13
22. Victory bears much authentic fruit. John 15:5 & 8
23. Victory *forgives as one having been forgiven.* Matt. 6:15
24. Victory exudes the aroma of Christ. 2 Corinthians 2:15-17
25. Victory *glorifies God by making disciples.* Matt. 28:18-20
26. Victory equips the saints to do the ministry. Eph. 4:11
27. Victory *is a living portrait of God's family.* Acts 2:41-46
28. Victory is a local, regional, & global mission. Mark 16:15
29. Victory *is a cross carrying privilege.* Luke 9:23 & 14:27
30. Victory sacrifices & serves like Christ. Matthew 20:28
31. Victory *grows with the watering of the Word.* John 17:17
32. Victory is faithful vs. double minded. Heb. 11:6 & James 1:8
33. Victory *is the fruit of the Spirit lived out.* Galatians 5:22-23
34. Victory intentionally multiplies missionally. 2 Tim. 2:1-6
35. Victory *contrasts cultural, worldly living.* Matthew 5:3-10
36. Victory is protected by the armor of God. Ephesians 6:10ff
37. Victory *is a free, but NEVER cheap gift!* Heb. 10:24 - 12:3a
38. Victory is blood-bought & priceless. Isa. 53:5 & 1 Peter 2:24
39. Victory *is protected by the armor of God.* Ephesians 6:10ff
40. Victory is eternal & cannot be lost! John 10:28 & Rom. 8:1

**Victory** zealously declares these things.  
Christ's ambassadors exhort, rebuke,  
& let no one disregard them.  
**2 Corinthians 5:20 & Titus 2:14-15**

## **CLOSE:**

By God's grace and for His glory,  
learning, loving, & living The Word's Gospel  
is the way we win & make the devil leave!

## **V. I. C. T. O. R. Y.**

**Vision** & Valor, aligned with God's grace, Gospel, & glory, are  
the true Victor's non-negotiables.

**Individual** Insults & Injuries are expected for everyone  
Indwelt and truly-led-by The Spirit.

**Come** to each trial carrying your cross, championing the  
Great Commandments & the Great Commission, all with  
Christ-like character, compassion, courage, & core-  
commitments.

**Treat** every one of the Devil's Temporary Temptations like a  
divinely appointed, eternal Test of Truth and Trust.

**Obey**, pray, & Offer-praise as a biblically and missionally,  
Offensive, Overwhelming-Overcomer!

**Realize Reality!** Then... Remember our Redeemer, Run,  
Repent, Rebuke, & Repeat.

**You are to Yearn-for, Yield-to, & Yoke...** Your Head, Heart, &  
Hands with God's Word, will, & ways ALL day, EVERY day.

## **PRAYER**