

IN THE NAME OF JESUS REFLECTIONS ON CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

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Matt. 4:1 -2 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

From Relevance to Prayer

The Temptation

To be relevant

The Question

Do you love me?

The Discipline

*Contemplative
prayer*

Matt. 4:3 - 4 The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

John 21:15 - 17 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."

He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

From Popularity to Ministry

The Temptation

To be spectacular

The Task

Feed my sheep

The Discipline

*Confession
&
Forgiveness*

Matt. 4:5 - 7 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying 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, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

John 21:18 - 19 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go."

(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

From Leading to Being Led

The Temptation

To be powerful

The Challenge

*Somebody else will
take you.*

The Discipline

*Theological
reflection*

Matt. 4:8 - 10 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Matt. 4:11 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Luke 4:13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

