

One Step to Freedom
Chapter 7: God's Faithfulness

Lesson 3
The Word of God

"It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).

Temptations are a part of life for everyone—but for Christians, they don't have to control our lives. God has promised us complete victory over all temptation and sin. If we simply trust in His faithfulness, we can be assured of total victory over the temptations to use drugs or alcohol—or any addiction.

Read Matthew 4:1-11.

1. When Satan tempted Jesus in the weakness and vulnerability of His flesh, how did Jesus defeat the attack? See Matthew 4:2-4.
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2. When Jesus was tempted to be prideful and exalt Himself rather than serve His Father's will, how did He respond? See Matthew 4:5-7.
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3. Finally, when Jesus was told that He could rule all the kingdoms of the world, how did He respond? See Matthew 4:8-10.
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4. What happened in Matthew 4:11?
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For total victory over sin, when Jesus was feeling most vulnerable to the weaknesses of His flesh, He trusted in one thing—the Word of God. God wants us to follow the victorious example of His Son. The Word of God is the assurance of victory when we are tempted. God calls it our weapon in spiritual warfare (Ephesians 6:17).

Thinking or quoting Scripture will help us to focus on Jesus and His promises of deliverance from all temptations, rather than focusing on our own understanding and strength when we are tempted.

5. Read Hebrews 11:32-33. What helps us face our fears and problems?
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6. God calls us to take responsibility for our problems. What else does He want to do for us according to 1 Corinthians 10:13?
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7. According to Matthew 4:4, what key to victory did Jesus give us?
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8. Why does God allow us to go through trials? See 2 Corinthians 1:4.
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9. Referring to 2 Corinthians 12:9, what must the believer demonstrate to this world?
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10. Who receives the glory when our problems are solved by believing and obeying God's Word?
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God is perfect. If we trust Him with our problems and temptations, He will deliver us.

Remember, "*We walk by faith, not by sight*" (2 Corinthians 5:7).