

The background is a watercolor wash featuring a gradient of colors. On the left, there are bright blue and cyan washes. These transition into deep, dark purple washes in the center. On the right, the colors shift into lighter, vibrant pink and magenta washes. The overall effect is soft and artistic, with visible brushstrokes and color blending.

THE WORD SPOKEN BY THE WORD

The background features a soft, artistic watercolor wash. A large, irregular grey wash covers most of the frame. On the right side, there is a vertical strip of color transitioning from light blue to deep purple. The overall effect is ethereal and textured.

Matthew 4:1-11



We are tempted with autonomy.

***Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit
into the wilderness to be tempted by
the devil.***

Matthew 4:1

And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.

Deuteronomy 8:2

And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”

Matthew 4:2-3

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

Matthew 4:4

The background features a soft, watercolor-style wash of light grey and white, with a vibrant purple and blue wash on the right side. The text is centered in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

We are tempted with autonomy.

We are tempted by ambition.

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and 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

Matthew 4:5-7

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

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Matthew 4:5-7

"I do not fear failure. I only fear the 'slowing up' of the engine inside of me which is pounding, saying, Keep going, someone must be on top, why not you?"

George S. Patton

“You shall not put the Lord your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah. You shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his testimonies and his statutes, which he has commanded you. And you shall do what is right

Deuteronomy 6:16-19

***and good in the sight of the Lord,
that it may go well with you, and that
you may go in and take possession
of the good land that the Lord swore
to give to your fathers by thrusting
out all your enemies from before you,
as the Lord has promised.***

Deuteronomy 6:16-19

The background features a soft, abstract watercolor wash. The majority of the space is filled with light grey and off-white tones, creating a misty, ethereal atmosphere. On the right side, there is a vertical band of vibrant purple and blue, which blends into the grey tones, adding a touch of color and depth to the composition.

We are tempted with autonomy.

We are tempted by ambition.

We are tempted with alternatives.

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”

Matthew 4:8-9

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.”” Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Matthew 4:10-11

The background is a watercolor-style wash of colors. It features a central white space where the text is located. Surrounding this space are large, irregular washes of color. On the left side, there are shades of light blue and teal. On the right side, there are shades of purple and magenta. The colors blend into each other, creating a soft, artistic effect. The overall composition is balanced and visually appealing.

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