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Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Memory Verse: Ephesians 6:16b

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* Fear – “You have good reason to be afraid right now and always.”
* Doubt – “You can’t trust God or trust that God will work in this situation for your good.”
* Lust – “You need to have your needs met, and this is a fine way to get your needs met.”
* Loneliness – “You are alone, you will always be alone, and you, therefore, will always be miserable.”
* Jealously – “You aren’t being shown the devotion you deserve, and at the same time, somebody else is getting the devotion that should be yours.”
* Rejection – “You are worthy to be rejected and cast aside.”
* Guilt – “You should feel guilty about that sin – shame, shame, shame on you.”
* Greed or covetousness – “You should have that. You deserve it. You need it.”
* Unforgiveness – “You can never forgive that sin, and even if you could, why would you?”
* Anger – “You’ve been hurt and you have a right to be angry.”
* Discouragement – “You’ll never have what you desire or be who you desire to be in this life. Don’t even get your hopes up.”
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