
TABLE TALK

Sharing our Suffering

Prepare:

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As one person lights a candle, the family reads together (adapted from Hebrews 4:14-15):

C: We have a great high priest, Jesus the Son of God;

R: Let us hold fast to him.

C: He sympathizes with our weakness;

R: Tempted, but has no sin.

Read: Luke 4:1-13 (ESV)

4 And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness 2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." 4 And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.' " 5 And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, 6 and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." 8 And Jesus answered him, "It is written,

"'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.' "

9 And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written,

" 'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' 11 and " 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.' "

12 And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.' " 13 And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Reflect:

Jesus, who overcame temptation in the wilderness, is our constant companion helping us endure the devil's temptations.

Take a moment to talk about what this passage (Luke 4:1-13) means for you as a family.

Now share with one another one thing you can do differently as a member of your family.

Praying:

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The head of the household prays:

Dear God Heavenly Father, because of Jesus we confidently draw near to your throne of grace. Show us your mercy and grace in our time and temptation. In Jesus's name, amen.