

21 Days of Prayer

Day 1:

Scripture: Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. The tempter came to Him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread. Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Matthew 4:1-4 NIV

Devotional: Right after Jesus’ baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him and the Father declared Jesus’ Sonship. Immediately, He was led into the wilderness where He fasted and was tempted. Knowing Jesus was physically and emotionally depleted, the devil attempted to get Jesus to question His identity. Jesus prevailed; He responded with Truth.

Think of a time when you’ve been with the Lord in prayer and reading the Word, after which you’re feeling confident in who you are in Christ. A challenge arises, an opportunity to walk out your spiritual confidence. Do you respond as Jesus did, taking thoughts captive and standing strong in your identity? We have the same Spirit in us that Jesus relied on during His time of temptation by the devil; His strength was from the same Holy Spirit that lives in us. Jesus knew His identity and truth. Because Jesus prevailed, so can we.

Prayer: Jesus, like You, we want to walk into every challenge the enemy brings with a strong sense of who we are and how our Heavenly Father sees us. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit that leads and guides. May we have ears sharply attuned to Truth.