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Jesus is the way to everything that is important and worthwhile. As we have already seen, Jesus is the way to truth, the way to victory over sin and death, the way to God, the way to Heaven, the way to a better life, the way to a joyful life, and the way out of religious confusion. In John 14:6, Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

In addition to how Satan tries to distract us with many things that are focused on our fleshly desires and worldly things, we need to recognize that Satan is also trying to make the road look like it is blocked so that we cannot follow Jesus. Yet, the truth is that although Satan wants us to think that following Jesus is impossible in a particular situation, the road is never so blocked that we do not have a path to Jesus! The only scenario in which we cannot follow Jesus is if we refuse to repent of the sin we commit.

Let’s listen to 1 Corinthians 10:13. “No temptation has come upon you except what is common to humanity. But God is faithful; he will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation he will also provide a way out so that you may be able to bear it.” So, there is always a path through whatever appears to be blocking the road to get to Jesus Christ! We simply must be diligent and find it!

While Satan wants you to think that everything is crashing down around you and that something is sure to destroy you, God simply tells you to stay focused on following Jesus Christ! For example, 1 Corinthians 15:58 says, “Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord’s work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” If you will simply choose to follow Jesus in whatever situation you are in, you will be victorious through Him and never stumble on your way to Heaven (read 2 Peter 1:3-11)!

In this eleventh lesson, we want to consider that Satan is trying to place many roadblocks in our paths as we try to follow Jesus. We will consider the roadblock of temptations. We will consider the roadblock of trials. And, we will consider the roadblock of persecutions. So, no matter where you are right now, you must recognize that Satan will try all he can to put as many roadblocks in your path as possible – but that you will always have a path to following Jesus Christ!

## Temptations

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Satan tries to use temptations to make the road to following Jesus appear blocked. Not only does he try to distract us by showing us offers for physically appealing things (as we discussed in the previous lesson), but he tries to put things in our paths that work to make these offers look so good that we “have” to take the detour! Yet, the Bible is clear that the road to following Jesus is *not* blocked and that we *can* follow Jesus Christ!

### ***What are they?***

Just what are temptations? They are tools the devil uses to entice/lure us to sin against God. For example, consider how the devil tempted Jesus to lure Him away from doing God’s will in Matthew 4:1-11.

After Jesus had fasted for 40 days and nights, Satan told him, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread” (verse 3). The temptation was for Jesus to use His miraculous powers to prove

He was the Son of God and fulfill His physical desires rather than trust in God to provide. Next, the devil took Jesus to Jerusalem, had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and told Jesus that if He was the Son of God to throw Himself down from there since the Scriptures say that God would give His angels orders to support Him with their hands so that He would not strike His foot against a stone (verses 5-6). So, the temptation was for Jesus to prove He was the Son of God by putting God to the test. Finally, the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor, telling Jesus he would give Jesus all these things if Jesus would fall down and worship him (verses 8-9). So, the temptation was for Jesus to worship Satan in order to have kingdoms without having to suffer for them.

Now, in all of these temptations, notice the similarities. Satan was trying to lure Jesus away from doing the Father's will. And, he was trying to make these lures as strong as he could. Yet, Jesus responded to every temptation by obeying God. Hebrews 4:15 says (concerning Jesus), "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin."

Although the details of how Satan tempts us differs from person to person and from situation to situation, his temptations work the same way. James 1:14 explains. "But each person is tempted when he is drawn away and enticed by his own evil desire." So, Satan uses the physical desires that people have to lure them away from God. He wants people to be enticed by the lure of something that goes against God's instructions.

Temptations, therefore, can take many different forms. It could be the lure of sexual pleasures that go against God's instructions. It could be the lure to gain wealth in a dishonest way. It could be the lure of shouting at someone and giving them a "piece of your mind" to make yourself feel better. It could be the lure of staying inside your "comfort zone" rather than pushing yourself to do as much as you can in God's service. It could be many things.

## ***How they try to stop us from following Jesus***

Now that we recognize what temptations are, let's recognize how Satan is trying to stop us from following Jesus Christ through them. To do so, let's read James 1:14 again – and add verse 15. "But each person is tempted when he is drawn away and enticed by his own evil desire. Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and when sin is fully grown, it gives birth to death."

Why does Satan use temptations? This passage shows us why! Satan tempts us to pursue physically-focused desires rather than obey God because he knows that if we act on those desires (i.e. allow those desires to conceive), the result is sin. And, if he can influence us to sin, he will be successful in destroying our souls by separating us from God! This is spiritual death.

This is Satan's mission – to destroy souls. 1 Peter 5:8 describes Satan as "prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour." He will use any temptation he possibly can to get you to turn away from following Jesus Christ and take one of his distracting detours! He wants to see you defeated by sin – just like he is – rather than see you defeat sin through Jesus!

Listen to how this fight against Satan is described in terms of fighting in a war, in Ephesians 6:10-13. "Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and by his vast strength. Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens. For this reason take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand."

Satan is waging a war against God and trying to create as many spiritual casualties as possible. Notice the language of the text that speaks of the devil's "schemes." That is, throughout this war, Satan is employing specific military tactics against us. Verse 16 even pictures Satan shooting "flaming arrows" at us.

If he can succeed with any one of these strategies so as to hit us with one of these arrows, he will lead us into sin. If we sin, we separate ourselves from God. And, if our lives end while we are separated from God in sin, we will forever be separated from God in the fires of Hell, which is the second death (Revelation 21:8)!

### ***How to overcome them***

With such a vicious enemy trying to defeat us through temptations, it may sometimes seem impossible to win this war. And, that is precisely what Satan wants you to think! He wants you to believe that the road to following Jesus looks so blocked with obstacles that there is no possible way for you to actually follow Him. Yet, there is always a way to Jesus – even through all the roadblocks of temptations!

Remember what we read in 1 Corinthians 10:13. “No temptation has come upon you except what is common to humanity. But God is faithful; he will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation he will also provide a way out so that you may be able to bear it.”

Although it is easy to think that your temptations are just so much stronger and harder to overcome than everyone else’s temptations, this is just not true! In fact, your temptations are not substantively different than the temptations Satan used against Jesus or against anyone else who has lived on this earth. So, you can know that just as others (like Jesus) have chosen to do what is right rather than give in to the temptations, you can also choose to do what is right!

Furthermore, as you face temptation, you must remember a simple (yet powerful) truth: God is faithful! This means that you can always depend on God. You can always trust what God has said. You can always know that God will do what He has promised.

Now, this is powerful in answering temptation because of what comes next in the passage. God promises you that He will not let Satan tempt you beyond what you are able to endure! And, He promises that you will always have a way out of the temptation that results in you following Jesus

Christ! Since God is faithful, you can live with no doubts about this promise!

Next, we should also recognize that God has provided everything we need to defeat the devil in the spiritual assaults he levies against us. Remember, as we saw from Ephesians 6:10-13, we are fighting a spiritual war. Yet, the passage said to be “strengthened by the Lord and by his vast strength” and to put on “the full armor of God so that you can stand against the schemes of the devil.” Then, when you “take up the full armor of God” you “may be able to resist in the evil day” and to “take your stand.”

So, there is nothing about how God has left you that is unprepared for this spiritual battle. If you are unprepared, it is your fault – not His! For, He has given you everything you need to fight against the devil and emerge victorious! Consider the spiritual armor listed in Ephesians 6:14-18.

“Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist, righteousness like armor on your chest, and your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace. In every situation take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit – which is the word of God. Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints.”

Truth, righteousness, readiness for the gospel of peace, faith, salvation, the word of God, and prayer. These are all that we need to be victorious through Jesus Christ! When we put each one of these pieces of armor on and use them against the devil, he does not have a weapon or tactic strong enough to defeat us! So, no matter how strong the temptations you face seem, you can defeat them and follow Jesus Christ!

## **Trials**

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Satan tries to use trials to make the road to following Jesus appear blocked. Satan wants things in this life to be difficult – and for those times to drive us away from God rather than draw us closer to God.

Yet, the Bible is clear that the road to following Jesus is *not* blocked and that we *can* follow Jesus Christ!

### ***What are they?***

Just what are trials? They are circumstances we face in life that put our faith in God to the test – to see whether we will depend on God and continue to seek His will during those times or not. Although Satan wants to use trials to pull us down, God wants to use trials to draw us closer to Him.

Think about Job. When the Bible introduces us to Job, it says, “There was a man in the country of Uz named Job. He was a man of complete integrity, who feared God and turned away from evil. He had seven sons and three daughters. His estate included seven thousand sheep and goats, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and a very large number of servants. Job was the greatest man among all the people of the east” (Job 1:1-3).

Of course, Satan did not like to see Job doing what was right. So, one day when Satan presented himself before God and God asked Satan if he had considered how Job feared God and turned away from evil, Satan asked, “Does Job fear God for nothing? Haven’t you placed a hedge around him, his household, and everything he owns? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. But stretch out your hand and strike everything he owns, and he will surely curse you to your face” (Job 1:9-11).

God then replied, “Very well...everything he owns is in your power. However, do not lay a hand on Job himself” (Job 1:12). So, God allowed Satan to put Job’s faith to the test through some severe trials. And, the chapter goes on to describe Job’s first round of trials.

One day, a messenger came to Job, telling him that his oxen and donkeys were stolen, and his servants were killed. While that messenger was still speaking, another messenger came and told Job that fire fell from heaven and burned his sheep and servants. While that messenger was still speaking, another messenger came and told Job that his camels were raided, and his servants were killed. And, while that messenger was still speaking, another messenger

came and told Job that his ten children were killed when a wind caused the house they were in to collapse.

Yet, after Job refused to sin or blame God, Satan told God that Job would curse Him if Job’s own health was impacted. So, God gave Satan permission to test Job through his health, though he could not take Job’s life. Then, Satan infected Job with terrible boils from the soles of his feet to the top of his head.

Now, admittedly, Job’s story represents a very severe case of trials. Yet, his story demonstrates how Satan tries to use trials as roadblocks to people following God and God tries to use them as tests to draw people to Him and strengthen their faith. Today, both Satan and God want to continue to use trials in these same ways.

Trials today can come in many forms. Health difficulties. Chronic pain. Fatal diseases. Watching loved ones suffer. Financial struggles. Natural disasters. Divorces. Abuses. Layoffs. Firings. Relocations. There are many times and many ways for your faith to be put on trial.

### ***How they try to stop us from following Jesus***

Now that we recognize what trials are, let’s recognize how Satan is trying to stop us from following Jesus Christ through them. Just like we see in Job’s story, when you are tested in these ways, your faith is put on trial! Satan is trying to use these situations to prove that your faith in God is not strong and that you will choose to live for yourself whenever things become too difficult or unpleasant. God is trying to use these situations to confirm and strengthen your faith in Him.

That’s exactly what happened with Job. Remember that when Satan came before God, God asked Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? No one else on earth is like him, a man of perfect integrity, who fears God and turns away from evil” (Job 1:8). Of course, as we saw, Satan just attributed Job’s faith in God to being nothing more than the result of God blessing Job abundantly.

Then, after the first round of trials, God again asked Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? No one else on earth is like him, a man of perfect integrity, who fears God and turns away from evil. He still retains his integrity, even though you incited me against him, to destroy him for no good reason” (Job 2:3).

Notice it carefully. God knew that Job’s faith was on trial. And, God pointed out to Satan that Job still retained his integrity – even after the trials hit. Still, Satan was not satisfied and wanted to push Job even more. He thought that harming Job’s body would be the roadblock that turned Job away from God.

However, notice how Job reacted after he experienced terrible boils all over his body. Job 2:8 says that Job “took a piece of broken pottery to scrape himself while he sat among the ashes.” Then, Job 2:9 says that his wife asked, “Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die!” However, Job replied, “You speak as a foolish woman speaks...Should we accept only good from God and not adversity?” (Job 2:10). Then, Job 2:10 concludes, “Throughout all this Job did not sin in what he said.”

Although I believe Job later did sin against God at some point (since the Bible says he repented, see Job 42), this all demonstrates how Satan wants to use trials as roadblocks. Satan was convinced that the right amount of pressure through physical circumstances would change the course of Job’s life. And, he thinks the same thing about you and me!

So, Satan is looking for opportunities to put us to the test. He wants physical trials in your life to look so difficult that you do not see any way around or over them so as to continue following Jesus Christ! He wants you to blame God and lose your faith. Or, he wants you to think that serving God just is not worth it. Or, he wants you to lose your focus on serving God by getting you caught up in reacting to the trials. He really doesn’t care how you respond to the trials – as long as they serve as a roadblock that you never find your way around so as to serve Jesus Christ!

## ***How to overcome them***

With such strong trials facing us, it can seem like an impossible task to keep your faith through them and to serve Jesus Christ effectively. And, this is precisely what Satan wants you to think! Yet, God has assured us that not only can we continue following Jesus through these times, but that we can even grow stronger and more resolved in following Him!

Consider the promise that is made in Romans 8:28. God says, “We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” As you remember that God is faithful, this promise should always work as a calming force whenever the storms of life are howling!

But, we need to know exactly what this promise means. It certainly does *not* mean that every bad thing that happens to us physically will result in something better physically. Sometimes you don’t recover from the sickness or pain. Sometimes you don’t find a better job. Sometimes you don’t recover your possessions. Sometimes there is no way to replace who was taken from you.

Yet, God’s promise is far greater than just providing something better for us physically! You see, God’s promise is that everything that happens to us will work out for the spiritual good of those who love God and live according to His ways. So, no matter what transpires in your life, you can know that it all leads to an eternal home in Heaven if you are faithful in following Jesus Christ!

In fact, not only does everything work out spiritually for us in this way, but the trials we face will actually make us stronger if we faithfully serve Jesus through them. Listen to James 1:2-4. “Consider it a great joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you experience various trials, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.”

Look how the passage starts. James says that you can consider experiencing trials “a great joy.” Now, certainly, this is *not* because experiencing trials is any fun or enjoyable on a physical level. Instead,

the joy comes from knowing what happens when you follow Jesus through them. Notice the results when you allow the trials of life to work God's way rather than Satan's way. James said that the testing of your faith will increase your endurance in faithfully following Jesus and will result in spiritual maturity.

Similarly, listen to Romans 5:3-5. "And not only that, but we also rejoice in our afflictions, because we know that affliction produces endurance, endurance produces proven character, and proven character produces hope. This hope will not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

Again, we can rejoice in our afflictions and hardships because we know that we will become spiritually stronger by enduring through them. So, each time we endure a trial by following Jesus faithfully, we will be better prepared to face the next trial. Then, by faithfully enduring trials, we prove the genuineness of our faithful character (just like Job). And, as we endure trials and prove our faithfulness to God, we become more and more focused on the hope waiting for us in Heaven (using this hope like an anchor for the soul, Hebrews 6:19) – knowing that this hope God has promised will never disappoint us!

## Persecutions

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Satan tries to use persecutions to make the road to following Jesus appear blocked. Satan doesn't just want things in life to be difficult – he even wants you to suffer for choosing to follow Jesus Christ. Yet, the Bible is clear that the road to following Jesus is *not* blocked and that we *can* follow Jesus Christ!

### **What are they?**

Just what are persecutions? Persecution happens whenever Satan can cause people to suffer in some way because they follow Jesus Christ. So, they are not just occasions of general human sufferings, but sufferings that are the result of choosing to live for Jesus Christ.

The Bible warns followers of Jesus that they will experience persecutions. For example, Jesus said, "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs. You are blessed when they insult you and persecute you and falsely say every kind of evil against you because of me. Be glad and rejoice, because your reward is great in heaven. For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you" (Matthew 5:10-12).

Similarly, 2 Timothy 3:12 assures Christians that they will experience persecutions for serving Jesus Christ. It says, "In fact, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." So, there is a direct connection between following Jesus Christ and experiencing persecutions. But, why does this link exist?

Jesus helps us to understand the answer. First, listen to Jesus in John 3:19-21. "This is the judgment: The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the light and avoids it, so that his deeds may not be exposed. But anyone who lives by the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be shown to be accomplished by God."

So, those who live for their own physical desires and sin against God often love the darkness of sin. And, they often hate what is good (the light). This is why Jesus was killed. Those who were doing evil hated it when Jesus exposed their darkness with perfect light! For, those who do what is evil hate to have their evil exposed as such – and this has not changed today!

Next, listen to Jesus in John 15:18-21. "If the world hates you, understand that it hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own. However, because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of it, the world hates you. Remember the word I spoke to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they don't know the one who sent me."



Just like the darkness hated and persecuted Jesus for doing what was right, they will treat you in the same way! Darkness has not changed over the last 2,000 years to suddenly embrace the light. It still hates to be exposed by the light. So, the world (those who are focused on the wicked ways of darkness) will still persecute those who follow Jesus Christ!

### ***How they try to stop us from following Jesus Christ***

Now that we recognize what persecutions are, let's recognize how Satan is trying to stop us from following Jesus Christ through them. Although the Bible has demonstrated that Christianity will not be eliminated by persecution (as it was tried in the first century A.D.), Satan can be successful to get individuals to stop following Jesus Christ through it. Just think about what Satan did to Peter after Jesus was arrested.

Luke 22:31-34 says, "Simon, Simon, look out. Satan has asked to sift you like wheat. But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And you, when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." 'Lord,' he told him, 'I'm ready to go with you both to prison and to death.' 'I tell you, Peter,' he said, 'the rooster will not crow today until you deny three times that you know me.'"

Notice what Jesus told Peter Satan wanted to do. The phrase, "Satan has asked to sift you like wheat" brings to mind what happened when Satan wanted to test Job. Satan wanted to see if Peter's faith would remain if he was threatened with persecution. Of course, as the Biblical story goes, Satan did defeat Peter's faith temporarily with the fear of persecution.

After Jesus was arrested, Peter followed at a distance. Then, on three distinct occasions (as recorded in Luke 22:54-62), Peter had the opportunity to confess that he knew and followed Jesus. Yet, he denied Jesus each time.

Surely, Peter was afraid of what people would do to him if he was associated with Jesus. And, Peter allowed Satan to use the threat of persecution to turn him away from following Jesus. For, he chose his own personal safety and comfort above following Jesus.

Now, Satan wants to do the same thing to your faith (and to mine)! As we saw earlier, Satan will raise up some kind of persecution against you if you faithfully follow Jesus Christ. He will ask God for you and me and try to sift us like wheat – to see whether we will endure persecutions in order to follow Jesus or whether we will choose our own safety and comfort instead.

As you consider this, you must recognize that persecutions can come in many different forms and in varying degrees of severity. Sometimes, like Jesus said in Matthew 5:11, you may be insulted or slandered. Sometimes, you may suffer financially. Sometimes, you may lose some relationships (see Matthew 10:34-39). Sometimes, you may be thrown into prison. Or, sometimes, your life may be threatened and you may be killed. Yet, regardless of the type or severity of persecution, Satan is trying to pressure you to stop following Jesus Christ to avoid these consequences!

### ***How to overcome them***

With such consequences attached to following Jesus, it may seem like an impossible task to faithfully follow Jesus. And, this is exactly what Satan wants you to think! However, God has promised that you can overcome even the most severe persecution that results in your martyrdom!

First, Jesus has told you about counting the cost of discipleship. Jesus said, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters – yes, and even his own life – he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26-27). So, whenever you choose to follow Jesus, you need to fully recognize that it will mean suffering for His sake!

Second, you need to remember what Jesus suffered in order to save you. You see, unlike you, Jesus never sinned. So, He really didn't deserve to suffer. Yet, Jesus "bore our sins in his body on the tree; so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness. 'By his wounds you have been healed'" (1 Peter 2:24)! Therefore, if Jesus suffered so much to save you, shouldn't you be willing to suffer for Him? In fact, this is exactly why the

apostles rejoiced because they had been counted worthy to suffer shame for Jesus (Acts 5:40-42)!

Third, no matter how much you must suffer for following Christ, God assures you that you will emerge overwhelmingly victorious if you are faithful to Him. Listen to Romans 8:31-39. “What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He did not even spare his own Son but offered him up for us all. How will he not also with him grant us everything? Who can bring an accusation against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies. Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is the one who died, but even more, has been raised; he also is at the right hand of God and intercedes for us. Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: ‘Because of you we are being put to death all day long; we are counted as sheep to be slaughtered.’

“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

All that people can do is hurt our physical bodies and emotions. Though they may kill us, they cannot do anything to destroy our souls – unless we refuse to faithfully follow Jesus. So, Jesus told His followers, “Don’t fear those who kill the body but are not able to kill the soul; rather, fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell” (Matthew 10:28). For, no matter how Satan tries to raise up persecution against you, you will be given the “crown of life” and “never be harmed by the second death” if you remain faithful to Jesus Christ and conquer all things through Him (Revelation 2:10-11)!

## Conclusion

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Jesus is the way to everything that truly matters! But, Satan wants to defeat you. He is trying

to defeat you by making it look like there are such insurmountable obstacles in your path that you can never follow Jesus. However, you do not have to be defeated by him. It is possible to stay focused on Jesus and conquer everything Satan puts in your way through Jesus Christ!

## Study Questions

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Why does Satan want to make it difficult for you to follow Jesus?

### 1. Temptations

What are temptations?

How does Satan try to use temptations to stop us from following Jesus?

How can you overcome temptations?

### 2. Trials

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