

03-06-22 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Jesus’ temptations are part of a struggle about his calling, about what it means to be the Son of God — and what it does not mean. And for us, what it means to be called disciples of Jesus — and what it does not mean. The focus is not *whether* Jesus is God’s Son but *how* he lives out that call. And for us, as individuals or congregations, not whether we are called but how we live out our calling.”

- Barbara Chaapel



Luke 4:1-13

Questions for Reflection —

- How is it with your soul as you begin your Lenten journey? What are your intentions for that journey this year? What practices might you engage to enable you to grow in Christ during this holy season? What keeps you from a closer walk with God? What helps you remember who and whose you are? What will renew your faith and your commitment to Christian discipleship? How are you to live out your calling as a disciple of Christ in your everyday life?

- What tempts you away from fully living into your identity as a disciple of Jesus? What are the things that have caused you to stray from God’s call in your life? What would it look like for you to put God first in your life? What conflicting priorities interfere? What do you need in order to realign your life with God’s purposes and call for you?

- What have been some of the wilderness experiences of your life? What trials and challenges have you faced? In what ways have such times helped you to understand yourself better? How did they change your relationship with God? What have you carried forward from such times? What learnings and/or blessings have you been able to discover?

Daily Household Prayer

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted, but did not sin. We ask your blessing as we begin our Lenten journey. Give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit. Let us see through the triviality and deception which accumulate in our daily living, and rediscover our spiritual truth, that with integrity and vulnerability we may worship you with humble wonder and joy. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.