



## Desert Week 3 “Rely”

### Attendee Questions

June 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

#### Big Picture

You know desert times are places of hunger... the first week of this series we talked about how the Israelite people became hungry in the desert both literally and figuratively. They hungered to be in a better place. Last week, we talked about David who found himself in a desert and he found himself hungering to be out of the desert as well. We find ourselves hungry to get out as well, when we end up in painful circumstances. We wish for things to be different or like they once were. you hunger to be once again satisfied...once again filled up...once again taken care of.

The really tough part is, When you are hungry you are naturally weak...and when you are weak, its easy to get tempted in the midst of your hunger to go the fast food route....Like I did at camp this week, I got hungry, I drove down the hill and ate stuff that wasn't really good for me.

Today I want to look at a really strange story found in Matthew 4...Its about when Jesus was tempted....Now this story raises a lot of questions...there are some crazy things that happen in this story and we will try to address some of those questions, but I don't want us to get distracted from the main question I want us to take into this story.....**What did Jesus do when He was in the desert? And what did he do when he was tempted?**

## Talk Amongst Yourselves

1. What's the most hungry you have ever been in your life?
2. What's the most extreme thing you have ever eaten?
3. Ever had food poisoning? From what?
4. Agree or disagree? "Self control is not enough to stand up to temptation in the desert".

## Finding Ourselves in the Story

- 1) What desert experiences have you had in your life that have ended?
- 2) What do we find ourselves really hungry for in this life?
- 3) How is it true that when we find ourselves in the "desert" (painful/harsh) circumstances that we are more vulnerable to give into temptation? Why?
- 4) What does it look like for us to rely on God in the midst of temptation?

## Think About It

- 1) How did Jesus literally rely on God in the midst of the desert?
- 2) In Matthew 4, page 670-671 FCC Bible  
What stands out to you the most about how Jesus dealt with temptation?

## **Make a Shift**

We started this series by saying when we find ourselves in the desert we need to

- 1) Remember who He is and what He has done
- 2) Run to Him
- 3) Rely on Him

## **Closing Thought**

Read Revelation 21:1-4 page 860 FCC Bible

What part of that description of heaven stands out to you the most and why?