

# a church FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T GO TO CHURCH

## Humility Is Healing

Luke 4:1-2a: <sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

"The Bible is very vague. To visualize this ruler of Hell, artists cobbled together imagery from older traditions that had already decided what demons looked like. Bits and pieces from lots of now-defunct religions got synthesized: The cloven feet from Pan, the horns from the gods of various cults in the near east....In the 15th and 16th century, these solidified into this personification of evil, seen as the great enemy of Christ, the Church, and mankind: a horned, bestial, furry figure." - Bernard Barryte

Devil (Greek, *diabolos*)

Noun: "accuser, slanderer, false accuser, adversary"

Verb: "to obstruct, or oppose".

πειραζω - *peiradzo*

"try, test, prove, examine, to see whether a thing can be done, test something for the purpose of ascertaining it's quality, or what one thinks, or how one will behave"

Deuteronomy 8:2: <sup>2</sup> Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart

Luke 4:5-8: <sup>5</sup> The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup> If you worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

Matthew 20.25-26: Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>26</sup> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.

It's not about land, it's about leadership.

Matthew 23:1-4, 13: Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: <sup>2</sup> "The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. <sup>3</sup> So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. <sup>4</sup> They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

<sup>13</sup> "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the door of the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to.

### The Four Horsemen

Criticism

Contempt

Defensiveness

Stonewalling

### Humility is healing

Inviters not deniers

Show Up

John 12.32: "I want to draw all people"

Join in

Hebrews 5:11: <sup>11</sup> We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand.

Be Real

Romans 12:3: For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment

show up, join in and be real

*All scriptures referenced are from the New International Version (NIV) translation of the Bible unless otherwise indicated.*