

Deliver Us

Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13

Series: Praying with Jesus

1. The Hebrew for test is _____ and the Aramaic for temptation is _____. And for those who like linguistics, the root of temptation is _____ which “is to try or to test”. Thus to offer up a test.

2. Satan is _____ of testing and temptation to sift us as wheat because we too if we are believers of Christ and also His disciples.

3. “Do not give us tests that are so difficult they become temptations for us to _____, _____, _____.”

Start talking.

- Share about someone who has played an important role in your Christian journey.

Start thinking.

- What thoughts and feelings come to mind when you hear about God testing humans?
- When have you experienced a season of difficult testing that ended up teaching you or growing you as a Christian? Without going into details of the situation, what did you learn?

Start sharing.

- In reading this final part of the Lord's Prayer, what stories or other passages from the Bible come to mind, if any?
- To teach someone everything Jesus commanded (Matthew 28:19–20) requires a long-term relationship, such as the one Jesus had with his disciples. What are examples in your own life or in the lives of others where you have seen or experienced this long-term discipleship take place?
- How do you feel hearing the apostle Paul quote the Lord saying (in 2 Corinthians 12:9), "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness"? How do you receive this statement from God?
- We might interpret the phrase "Lead us not into temptation" as "Do not give us tests that are so difficult they become temptations to quit." How does this change the way you understand this part of the prayer? In what ways does this more in-depth statement impact how you view God?
- How can we as Christians be obedient to the call to go to all nations and "teach them to obey everything I have commanded you"?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, I need your strength as I face the day and all that it holds. I know that there are temptations that lie before me. Help me to lean into your love as I go throughout the day and respond in kind that I might not forsake it.

Start Doing:

- What might it look like to take up your cross and follow Jesus in the coming days? Think of specific ways that Jesus may be calling you to deny yourself and sacrificially follow him this week.
- Commit to being both a disciple (mentee) and discipler (mentor) in two different Christ-centered friendships, if you do not already have those relationships in place in your life.