



## **THE BRAVE:**

### **Courageous Hearts in a Broken World**

*"Brave Enough to Walk in the Wilderness - Part II"*

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**April 13-14, 2013**

1. Open in prayer.

2. Read Matthew 4:1-11.

Satan is at war with God. And he has a simple, yet effective strategy to tempt us and keep us from being who God created us to be. Even as Christ-followers, he still uses the same plan.

- Temptation 1: I am what I do (Performance)
- Temptation 2: I am what I own (Possessions)
- Temptation 3: I am what others think of me (Popularity)

3. This week, we're discussing the second temptation, "I am what I own." (Matthew 4:8-10)

4. Possession-based living causes us to worship the things we have—or don't have—instead of Jesus. Our culture tells us we are defined by our possessions.

- How did your possessions affect your life growing up?
- Have you ever compared yourself to others by your possessions (have or have not)?
- How do you look at others regarding their possessions?
- How do we spend our lives when we define ourselves by our possessions?

5. As we walk in the wilderness, and we're tempted to live by possession-based living, we'll need to be brave and have a Christ-centered attitude towards our possessions. How does that empower us to:

- Be thankful for what we have?
- Enjoy our possessions?
- Use our possessions for God's glory?

6. Read John 1:12, 1 John 3:1, and Galatians 4:6-7. When we find our identity in being an immensely loved child of God, we look at our possessions in a whole new light.

- What do these verses say about being a child of God?
- Is it easy for you to grasp that God loves you, regardless of what you've done, what you have, or who you are?

**Soul-Tattoo:**

- Stop comparing yourself to others
- Memorize John 1:12

**CALENDAR**

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**May 10, 6:30pm at 521**

Covenant Class