



## THE BRAVE:

### Courageous Hearts in a Broken World

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

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**April 20-21, 2013**

1. Open In Prayer.
2. Read Matthew 4:5-7.
  - In this text, Satan tempts Jesus with TEMPTATION THREE: I AM WHAT OTHERS THINK (POPULARITY).
3. What did you think when Pastor Derwin said, "Some of us are addicted to what others think"?
  - How has living for what others think about you negatively affected your life? (Note: This isn't a license to NOT live a Christ-honoring, Upward, Inward, Outward life!)
4. What did you think when Pastor Derwin said, "Freedom comes when we EMBRACE what God the Papa thinks of us 'in' Christ"?
  - Because we're a **Blessed** Family, we're set free from Temptation Three. Read Ephesians 1:3.
    - How does this Gospel truth make you feel?
    - How does it empower you to resist Temptation Three?
5. Because we're a **Beloved** family, we're set free from Temptation Three. Read Ephesians 1:4-6.
  - To be beloved means that God the Father loves us the EXACT same way He loves Jesus.
  - To be beloved means that, just as Jesus is set apart to bring God the Father glory, so are we.
  - To be beloved means that we're as blameless as Jesus.
  - To be beloved means that we're adopted sons and daughters of God the Father and He will never "unadopt" us.
  - All of this is true because we're blessed **in** the Beloved Himself, Jesus.
    - How do these Gospel truths make you feel?
    - How do they empower you to resist Temptation Three?

6. Because we **Belong** to God's Forever-Forgiven Family, we are set free from Temptation Three. Read Ephesians 1:7-8 and Ephesians 1:13-14.
- Through the blood of Jesus and God's overwhelming grace, we're forever forgiven and free from condemnation. Therefore, we don't have to please people and live from what others think about us.
    - How do these Gospel truths make you feel?
    - How do they empower you to resist Temptation Three?

**Soul-tattoo:**

Remember WHO & WHOSE you are!

Don't forget to write down the 3 B's someplace where you can see them!

**Closing Prayer:**

Father, because of Your lavish grace, revealed in Jesus, we're free from the bondage that occurs when we live from what others think of us. We're free because what matters is what You think of us in Christ. We are Your beloved family. May every Transformer remember who they are and whose they are. And may we go on mission, to set those who do not know Your Son Jesus free with the lavish grace we have received from Jesus. In His Great Name, Amen.

**CALENDAR**

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May 10, 6:30pm at 521

Covenant Class