

# ROOTS

## HE REWROTE OUR STORY – PART 1

Pastor Derwin L. Gray – August 21, 2016

1. Open in prayer.
  - Read Matthew 4:1-11 NLT.
2. Since the Garden of Eden and God's people were in the desert, Satan has tempted us with three main lies.
3. Lie 1 – "I Am What I Do": Performance (Read Matthew 4:2-4 NLT)
  - a. Satan wanted Jesus to define Himself by what He did, "Tell the stones to become loaves of bread." How did Jesus respond to Satan's temptation?
  - b. Read Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT. How do we enter into God's kingdom and family? How do we stay in it and mature in it?
4. Lie 2 – "I Am What I Have": Possessions (Read Matthew 4:5-7 NLT)
  - a. Satan took Jesus to the Temple. He wanted Jesus to define Himself by what He possessed. Satan will tempt you into believing that what you possess defines you. How do you find this to be true in America?
  - b. How did Jesus respond to this temptation?
  - c. Read 1 Peter 2:9-10a. Who do you belong to and how does this practically impact your life?
5. Lie 3 – "I Am What Others Think": Popularity (Read Matthew 4:8-11 NLT)
  - a. Satan tempted Jesus with the kingdoms of the earth. Read Jesus' response to Satan again.
  - b. Pastor Derwin said, "You're letting other people be your god if you're letting them control your emotions." Discuss what he meant by this statement.
  - c. Read Galatians 1:10 NIV. What does this look like in practical terms in your life? Share examples with one another and pray for each other in areas where you struggle.
6. How do you believe the Truth instead of Satan's lies?
  - a. You must know that you are deeply loved and treasured by God in Christ.
  - b. Read Matthew 3:16-17 NLT. What had Jesus done up to this point in His life to earn God the Father's approval? What does this signify?
  - c. Apply that to yourself now—can you earn God the Father's love by your behavior? What should our response be then?
  - d. Read Galatians 2:20 NLT. Discuss how to apply this to your everyday life.
7. Close in prayer. Remember to marinate on these truths in solitude and silence this week.