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BIG IDEA | Never trade what you want *MOST* for what you want *NOW*.

Matthew 4:1-2 (NLT)

¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. ² For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry.

Don't wait until you are IN a battle to get ready FOR one.

Matthew 4:3-4 (NLT)

³ During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread."

⁴ But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Resist satisfying a RIGHT desire in the wrong way.

Matthew 4:5-7 (NLT)

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, ⁶ and said, “If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say,
‘He will order his angels to protect you.
And they will hold you up with their hands
so you won’t even hurt your foot on a stone.’”

⁷ Jesus responded, “The Scriptures also say, ‘You must not test the Lord your God.’”

Never listen to "biblical" advice that leads you to sin.

Matthew 4:8-11 (NLT)

⁸ Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ “I will give it all to you,” he said, “if you will kneel down and worship me.”

¹⁰ “Get out of here, Satan,” Jesus told him. “For the Scriptures say,
‘You must worship the Lord your God
and serve only him.’”

¹¹ Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

Don't take the EASY way out.

HOW TO OVERCOME TEMPTATION:

- **Fight with Scripture.**
- **Keep fighting.**

Hebrews 4:15-16 (NLT)

¹⁵ This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.