

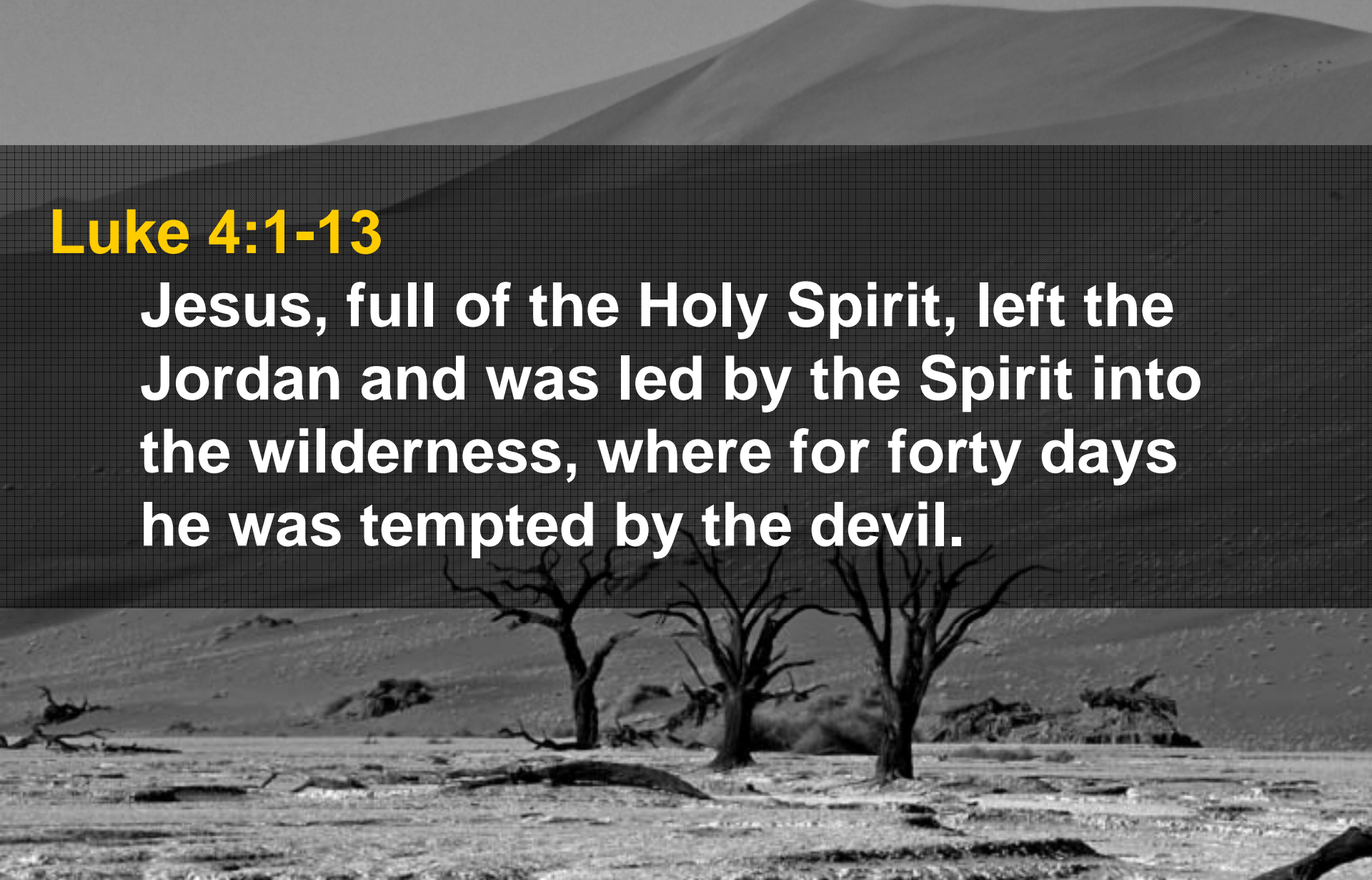


# ***Competing Faiths***

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## **Luke 4:1-13**

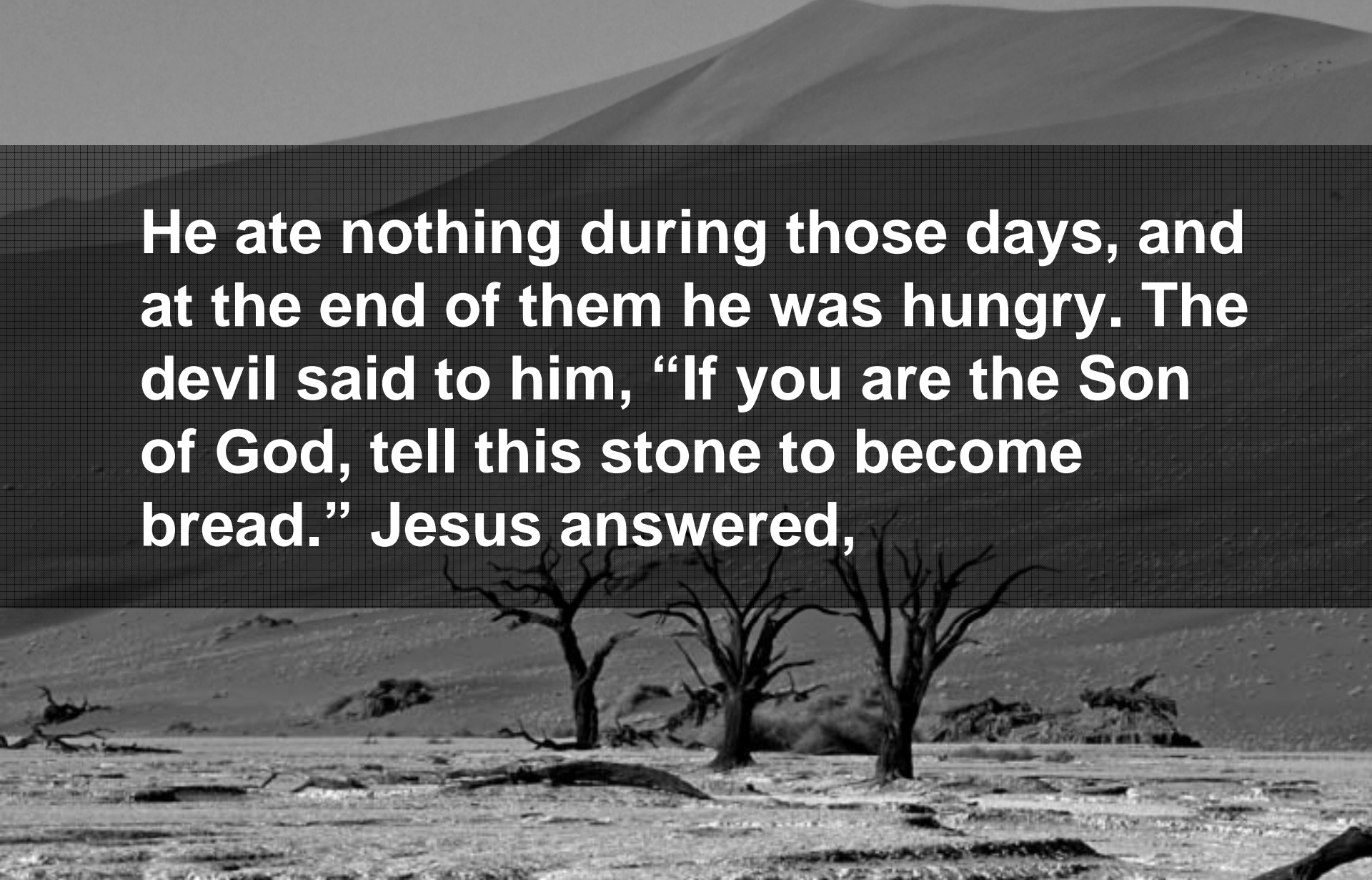
**Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.**





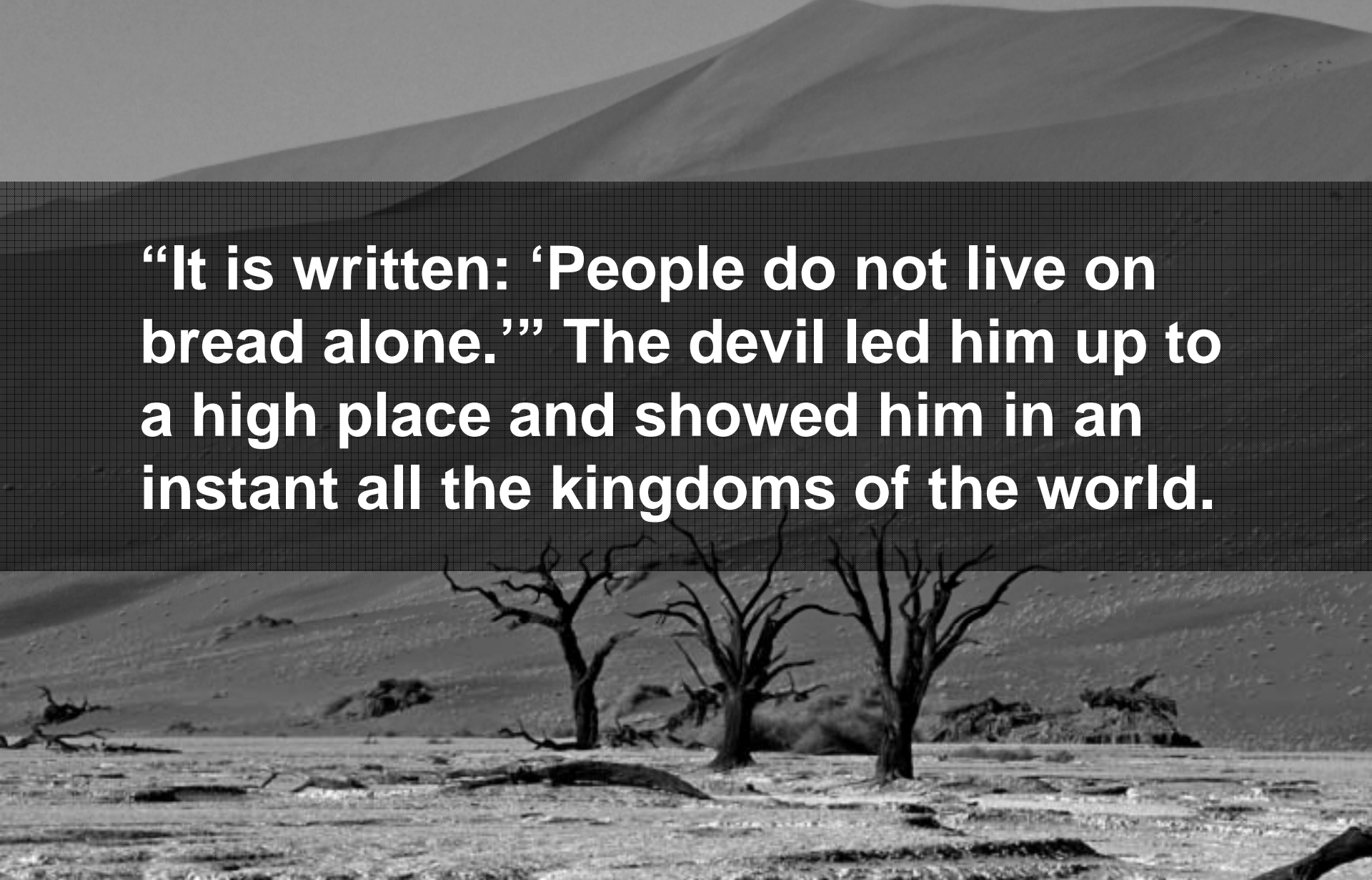
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**He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.” Jesus answered,**



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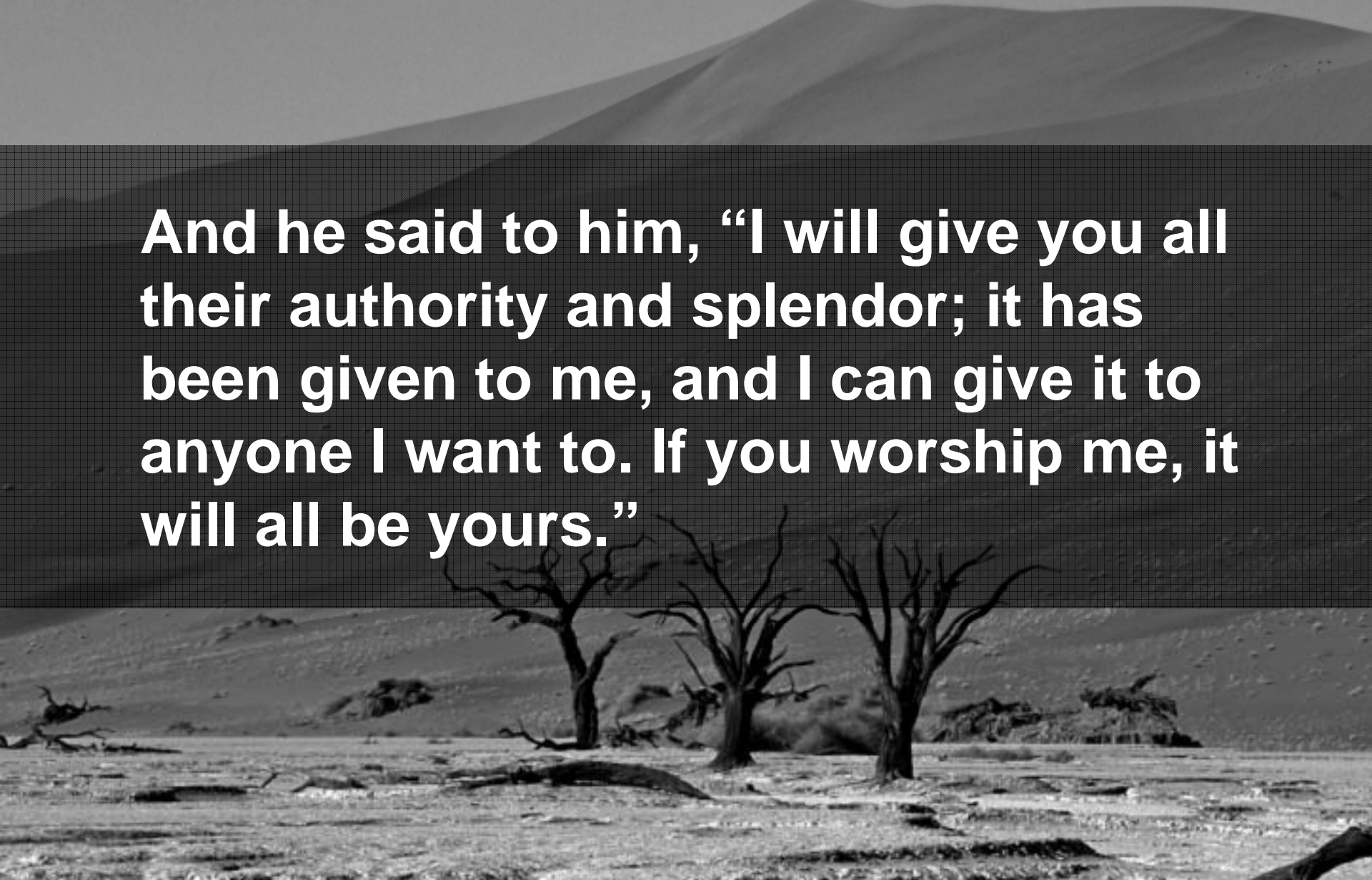
**“It is written: ‘People do not live on bread alone.’” The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.**





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**And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours.”**



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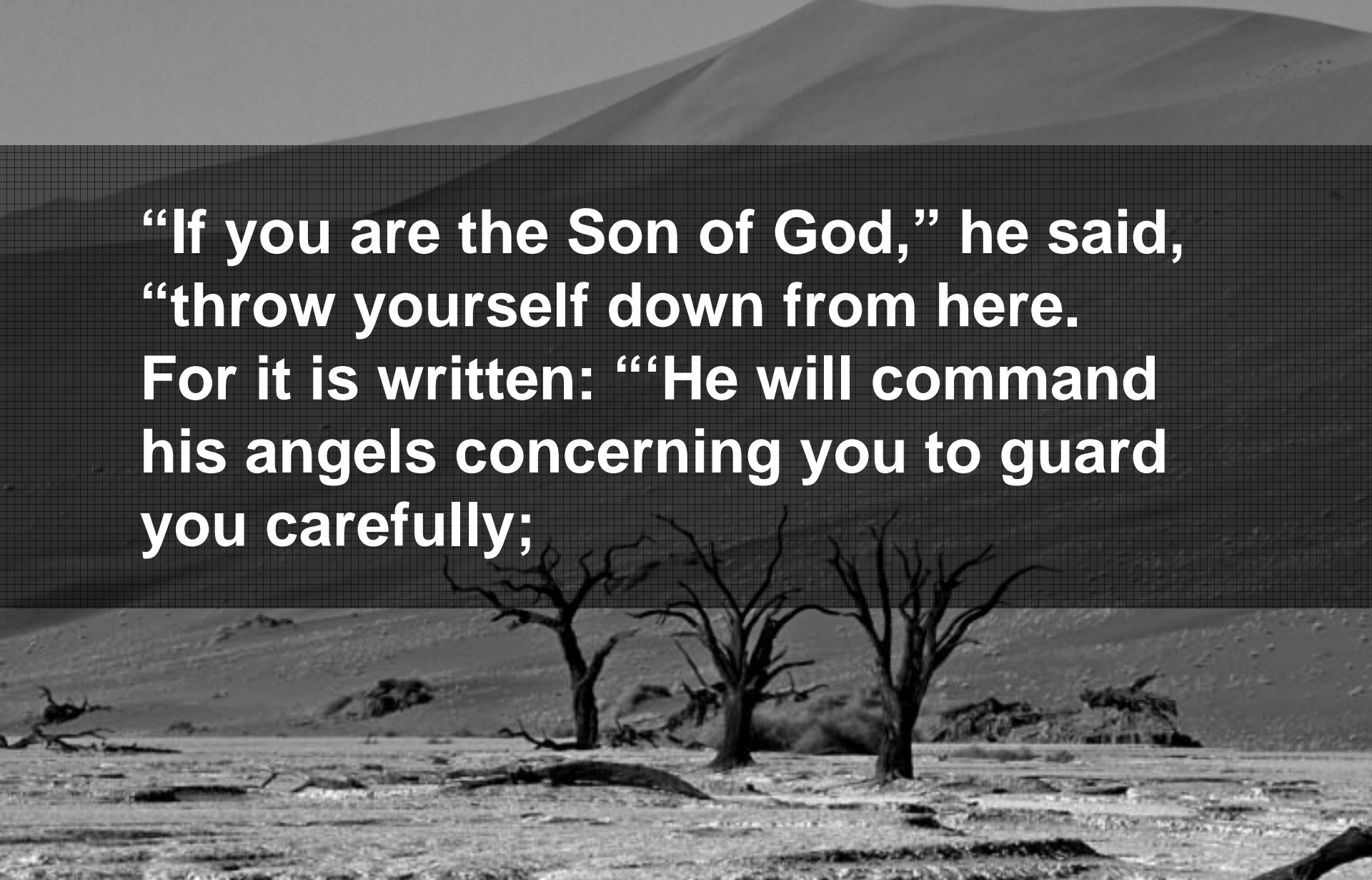
**Jesus answered, “It is written:  
‘Worship the Lord your God and  
serve him only.’” The devil led him  
to Jerusalem and had him stand on  
the highest point of the temple.**





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**“If you are the Son of God,” he said,  
“throw yourself down from here.  
For it is written: “He will command  
his angels concerning you to guard  
you carefully;**



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**they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot  
against a stone.” Jesus answered,**

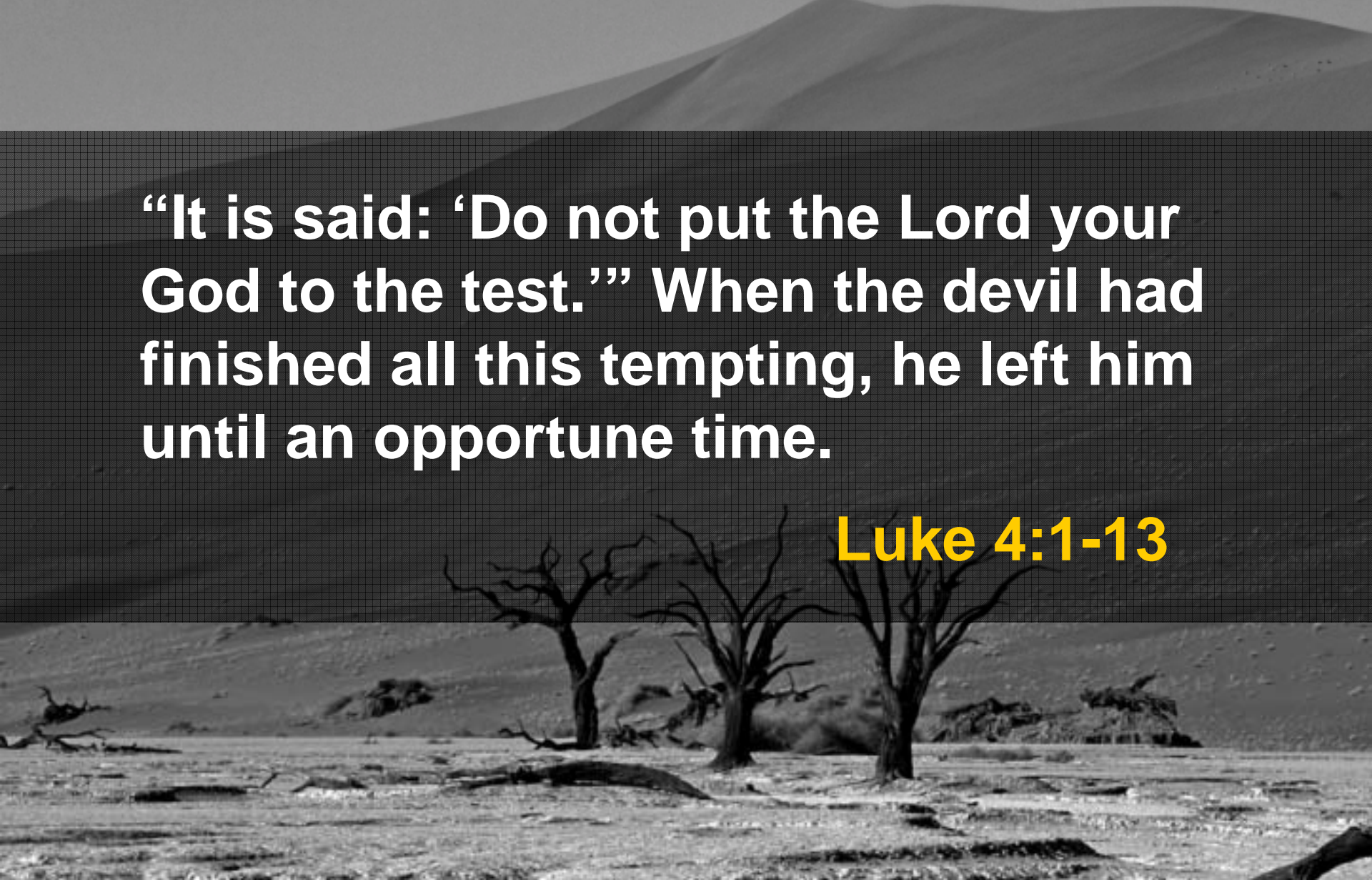




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**“It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.**

**Luke 4:1-13**





***Greg eating  
yummy chips***

vs.

***Greg, the  
self-disciplined  
broccoli eater***





***Mary wearing hot  
sweater***

***Mary helping  
vs. Haitian child go to  
school***

The background of the slide features several overlapping, diagonal film strips. The strips are black with white sprocket holes and frames, creating a sense of motion and cinematic imagery. The strips are arranged in a way that they appear to be moving across the frame.

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## **Principle #1**

**Temptation is rooted in  
competing internal movies**



The background of the slide features several overlapping, slightly tilted film strips. The strips are dark with visible sprocket holes and frame lines, creating a sense of motion and cinematic imagery.

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### **Principle #1**

**Temptation is rooted in  
competing internal movies**

### **Principle #2**

**Temptation is all about  
Competing Faiths**

# Competing Faiths

## Hebrews 11:1

Faith is the substance (*hypostasis*) of things hoped for and the evidence (*elegkos*) of things not seen.



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**Faith is the mental movie you run (*hypostasis*) that produces the felt conviction (*elegkos*) that motivates you to move towards making the movie a reality.**



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***Greg will be  
a chubby  
late night  
chip-eater***

vs.

***Greg will be  
a disciplined  
late night  
broccoli-eater***





## ***Competing Faiths***

***Mary will be a  
self-indulgent  
consumer***

vs.

***Mary will be a  
self-sacrificial  
child supporter***



## ***Competing Faiths***

***John, the  
grown-up, godly,  
loving husband***

vs.

***John, the  
self-gratifying  
legend in his  
own mind***



## ***Competing Faiths***

***John is a  
grown-up,  
self-sacrificing,  
follower of Jesus***

***vs.***

***John has the  
maturity of  
an adolescent  
who can't delay  
gratification***



## ***Competing Faiths***

***John will be  
intimate with his  
wife tonight***

vs.

***John will do what  
he's been doing  
since he was an  
adolescent***





## ***Competing Faiths***

***John will have  
a good, vibrant  
marriage with  
healthy sexual  
activity***

vs.

***John will have  
a mediocre,  
mostly sexless,  
marriage***



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### **Reminder #1**

**Remember the Prowling Lion**





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### **1 Peter 5:8**

**Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.**





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### **Reminder #1**

**Remember the Prowling Lion**

### **Reminder #2**

**Remember that the battle  
is a battle *of faith***

**Fight the good fight *of faith*.**

**I Timothy 6:12**



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**2 Corinthians 10:5**

**Take every thought captive to Christ.**

**Romans 12:2**

**Be transformed by the renewing  
of your mind.**



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### **Hebrews 12:2**

**... [fix] our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**



A black cross stands in a field of dry leaves and twigs. The cross is made of two dark, rectangular beams. The background is a dense layer of dry, brown leaves and twigs, creating a textured, natural setting. The lighting is somewhat dim, giving the scene a somber or contemplative feel.

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**The devil's deceptive movies** always involve immediate gratification, but long term pain.

**God's true movies** always involve immediate sacrifice, but long term joy.