

Temptations *of the* Wilderness

THE WAY OF BLESSING *or* THE WAY OF SCARCITY

<i>Temptation</i>	<i>Turn Stones to Bread</i>	<i>Pinnacle of the Temple</i>	<i>Kingdoms of the World</i>
<i>The Temptation</i>	Fend for yourself	Stay impressive through image-management	Power will keep things in control
<i>The Lie</i>	You are not safe, You are at stake (<i>protection & provision</i>)	You are what others think and say about you (<i>popularity</i>)	You are what you have (<i>possessions</i>), have achieved (<i>performance</i>), and have control of (<i>power</i>)
<i>The Self in Scarcity</i>	Self-protection Self-defense Self-help Self-improvement	Self-promotion Self-image Self-esteem Self-aggrandizement	Self-reliance Self-advancement Self-made Self-dom
<i>The Church in Scarcity</i>	“Feed me – I’m hungry” <i>instead of</i> “Give me as bread for the hungry”	Be attractational <i>instead of</i> Be missional & formational	Christen(dom) <i>instead of</i> King(dom)
<i>Jesus’ Response</i>	“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God”	“Do not put the Lord your God to the test”	“Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only”
<i>The Invitation</i>	<i>from fear to belovedness</i>	<i>from significance to trust</i>	<i>from control to service</i>

BREATH PRAYER

Jesus, help me live from blessing, not scarcity.

BLESSED / BROKEN / GIVEN

“You are my beloved child, whom I love. With you I am well pleased.”

MATTHEW 3:17