

Personal Battle Plan

There is a great truth we can draw from the passages we have looked at today—Jesus was willing to humble Himself and identify as a human as a part of the plan to bring redemption to us. God the Son took on flesh and identified with us. He is not a distant God but a personal God. This is evident in His baptism and the temptations that He faced in the wilderness. The writer of Hebrews gives us a clear statement about this connection between us and our Savior—He can sympathize with us.

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:14–16).

The Apostle Paul told the Corinthians that they should imitate him as he was imitating Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1). We know that Jesus is our model and that we should be seeking to be conformed into His image through the working of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:28–30). Jesus was able to overcome temptations by applying the truths of Scripture. Take some time to think about your own personal readiness for battling the temptations of the devil, the world, and your own flesh.

For each of the following categories, write a short summary of how you could grow in this area to become more like Christ in battling temptation. Identify other passages of Scripture that could help you as you continue fighting against sin.

1. Reading the Word (Job 23:12)
2. Studying the Word (2 Timothy 2:15)
3. Memorizing the Word (Psalm 119:11)
4. Walking in the Spirit (Galatians 5:16–26)
5. Walking with other believers (Galatians 6:1–5)
6. Who can you share this plan with so that they may encourage you to pursue your preparations for battling temptation?