



2 TIMOTHY 3:15 (ESV)

“...and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

HEBREWS 4:15 (ESV)

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

A black and white photograph of a winding dirt path leading to a cross on a hill under a dramatic, cloudy sky. The path starts in the foreground, curves to the right, and then continues straight towards a small hill in the distance. On top of this hill stands a simple wooden cross. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, with a bright patch of light breaking through on the right side. The foreground is dominated by tall, dry grasses and a wooden fence line.

PATH TO THE CROSS

Path of Discipline

Matthew 4

DEUTERONOMY 8:2 (ESV)

“And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.”

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-7 (ESV)

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant being born in the likeness of men.”

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MATTHEW 16:23 (ESV)

“Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 (ESV)

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

MARK 1:12-13 (ESV)

“The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.”

Do we desire to satisfy our physical appetite, more than we desire to obey God's Word?

Do we desire to have personal recognition, more than we desire to obey God's Word?

Do we desire to avoid the suffering more than we desire to obey God's Word?

Maybe the problem isn't necessarily in the things that we desire, but that we desire so many things more than we desire to obey the Word of God.