

WEEKLY & BREVITY



CURRENT SERIES:

Week 1: The Main Event



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- ➔ Advance (more details during leader meeting)
- ➔ If any of your students are interested in getting baptized this semester- let Charles or I know!

CALENDAR:

➔BIG STUF- June 14-18!

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# The Battle Within: The Main Event

**Bottom Line:** In every single temptation you face, there is always more at risk than you think.

## Message Overview:

Each one of us faces a battle within, a battle that may go unseen by those around you, but inside there is a major brawl going on. It's a battle with temptation. We all have faced and continue to face temptation everyday- it's a battle that we know about all too well. And depending on the temptation and its hold on your life, it may be a battle that seems impossible to win. But when it comes to temptation in the lives of our students, when our students face temptation, they are oblivious to that truth that every temptation we face, there's a lot at stake. There is much more at stake than we think in the present situation. Because when our students face temptation, even when we face temptation, the choice sometimes feels insignificant. There are times when it feels like no one will notice, or it's not really a big deal. **The goal this week is to help your students see the reality, that when we are tempted- there is a lot at stake.** And by looking at the temptations Jesus faced, we realize just how much is at stake- not only in His life, but also in our lives as well, with the temptations we face everyday.

**Scripture References:** Matthew 3:16-17; Matthew 4:1-3

## Questions:

- 1.) What is your absolute favorite food? Pretend someone put that good in front of you and told you not to eat it for thirty minutes. How could you talk yourself into thinking it would be okay to eat it before the time was up?
- 2.) What are other ways that people tend to talk themselves into doing things they know they shouldn't do?
- 3.) What would you say are some common temptations for students at your school?
- 4.) Describe a time where you saw a friend give into temptation and that choice impacted his or her future?
- 5.) Why do you think it is so hard to refrain from giving into temptation?
- 6.) Can you think of some long-term consequences for someone who gives into those temptations?
- 7.) Have you ever seen someone give into temptation, and it affected not only his or her life, but the lives of those around him or her? (don't use any names please). How could giving into temptation end up hurting not only us but also other people who are in our lives?
- 8.) What is normally going through your head when you are being tempted? Do you stop to think about everything that is at stake or do you tend to focus on the most immediate consequences?
- 9.) If I said that temptation and trust are linked, would you agree? How are they related?
- 10.) If trust and temptation are linked, how if your faith in God connected to your ability to resist temptation?
- 11.) How would knowing all that is at risk when it comes to our response to temptation change the way you deal with it?

## The Next Step:

**X/IO:** Remind your students that temptation is really all about our trust or lack of trust in God. Using index cards, have your students write out the phrase: "Temptation, you will not steal my future, you will not steal my faith." Ask them to put their card in the place where their temptation is strongest, and where they are sure to see the card regularly.