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Series Title: The Beautiful Way

Sermon Title: Three Ways To Leave

Matthew 4:1-11 (Pew Bible Page: 809)

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Adam and Eve, the first humans, faced temptations in the Garden of Eden. They took the fruit of the tree because it was good for food, pleasing to the eyes and it would make them like God. Throughout history, every person has struggled with temptation. People have struggled because of their desire to take for themselves what God had not given them in terms of money, sex and power. They have struggled because of their willingness to promote their own agenda to get what they wanted even when it involved deceit (usually telling half-truths). They have struggled because they believed they were above God and above those who might challenge them. Essentially, the same story has repeated itself over and over again. Is there no way out of this destructive cycle? Observing the beautiful way of Jesus, we will find there is actually a way to overcome temptation. So, let's look at Jesus.

Three ways to leave the Beautiful Way...

1. Make satisfying your desires a higher priority than obeying the Father
2. Use God to serve your own agenda rather than serving God's agenda
3. Serve another power to get what you want rather than trust the Father to be good

Seven things to remember to stay on the Beautiful Way...

1. Remember the example of Jesus
2. Remember your identity as a child of God
3. Remember the Spirit of God lives within you
4. Remember the word of God
5. Remember the larger story of God and His promises
6. Remember you can resist the devil
7. Remember your support community