



Rock Church  
Pastor Miles McPherson | The Death of “IF” | May 24, 2020

**D12 Monthly Focus for May: *Demonstrate a Spirit-Filled Expression of My Gifts***

**Sermon Application from Sunday’s Message:**

On Sunday 5/24, Pastor Miles opened up his sermon by describing how the devil uses distractions to set us off course for God’s mission for our lives. Those distractions can come in the form of wanting a bigger home to impress others, climbing the corporate ladder to satisfy our egos, or falling into another trap that sets us off course from God’s plan for our lives. We cannot let the devil distract us from accomplishing the mission that God has given us. Jesus did not get distracted from the temptations of the devil, but instead focused on His mission of obedience to God. Jesus led a life of self-denial which ultimately resulted in His death and resurrection, so that we could live forever with Him in Heaven, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit for the work of His ministry while we are on Earth.

**Take time to read through the following statements and discuss the questions below.**

- Read Matthew 4:1-4
  - In these verses, we see that Jesus is led by the Spirit to be tempted by the devil. The devil is only allowed to test Jesus not lead Him. The devil tests Jesus by telling him to turn stones into bread. Jesus rebukes the devil by quoting Deuteronomy 8:3.
  - Pastor Miles stated that we need to be obedient and not relevant to what our culture is presenting us. What temptations do you face in being relevant over being obedient? Do you conform to being relevant to impress others or boost your ego? Are there any verses that you can use to declare God’s Word to deny the temptation of being relevant rather than obedient?
- Read Matthew 4:5-7
  - In these verses, we see that the devil is directly tempting Jesus to test God by saving Him from falling. Again, we see Jesus quote scripture from Deuteronomy 6:16.

- Pastor Miles wanted us to declare that we are born spectacular, marvelous, and wonderful. However, that doesn't mean that we are to test God. Has there been a time when you decided to test God with your own plans rather than trusting in God's plan for your life? What was the result? Why is it important that we read, learn the Bible, pray, and seek Godly advice when making life altering decisions?
- Read Matthew 4:8-10:
  - In these verses, we see the devil offer the kingdom of the world to Jesus if Jesus worship him like an earthly king would be worshipped. Jesus rebukes the devil by quoting Deuteronomy 6:13. God alone should be worshipped.
  - Pastor Miles encourage us to declare God as the source of real power and authority. Has there ever been a time where you trusted in your own power and authority or someone else's power and authority over God's? What was the result? How can we trust in what the Bible says to know that God is the source of all power and authority?

### Next Steps:

- **Serve the community!** Visit <https://www.sdrock.com/ministries/disaster/volunteer/> for serving opportunities.
- **Text INFO to 52525 to learn more opportunities to engage with God and others during this pandemic.**

**Monthly Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 14:12** “Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.”

### **This Week's Bible Reading** / The Bible Project Videos

Nehemiah 11-13 - <https://bibleproject.com/explore/ezra-nehemiah/>

Esther 1-10 - <https://bibleproject.com/explore/esther/>

Job 1-7 – <https://bibleproject.com/explore/job/>

Proverbs 16 - <https://bibleproject.com/explore/proverbs/>



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