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“Making All Things New:
A Journey Into A New World”
“A New Life” –Core 3

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A. All that God had created was good...

“Then God looked over all He had made, and He saw that it was very good!” Genesis 1:31a

1. The first thing that was not good was the fact of man being alone.

“Then the LORD God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.’” Genesis 2:18

2. God created Adam, and then created Eve from Adam.

“Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib, and He brought her to the man.” Genesis 2:22

3. God gave clear instructions to Adam.

“But the LORD God warned him, ‘You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.’” Genesis 2:16

4. Enter the serpent...temptation!

“Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” Genesis 3:1

5. Temptation comes in a challenge to God’s Word.

“‘You will not certainly die,’ the serpent said to the woman. ‘For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’” Genesis 3:4-5

6. Eve gave in to the temptation.

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7. Adam was there all the time and ate, too!

“She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.” Genesis 3:6b

B. Temptation is not sin...

“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil.” Matthew 4:1

1. Jesus was tempted but did not sin.

“This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for He faced all of the same testings we do, yet He did not sin.” Hebrews 4:15

2. God doesn’t tempt us. Temptation comes from our own desires.

“And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, ‘God is tempting me.’ God is never tempted to do wrong, and He never tempts anyone else. Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away.” James 1:13-14

3. We are all tempted in the same ways, but we do not have to give in to temptation!

“The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so that you can endure.” 1 Corinthians 10:13

C. Temptation comes in one of three ways...

“Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.” 1 John 2:15-16

1. Fleshly desires, lust of the flesh, or passion (bread to stone).

“...a craving for physical pleasure...”

2. Visual cravings, lust of the eyes, or possession (simple bow for world’s empires).

“...a craving for everything we see...”

3. Social position, the pride of life, or position (jump off the pinnacle securing the adoration of others).

“...pride in our achievements and possessions.”

D. So how should we handle evil?

1. Don’t be surprised by evil. Evil happens!

“Dear friends, don’t be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you.” 1 Peter 4:12

2. Realize God is going to use all things for good, so be thankful in all things.

“And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Ephesians 5:20

3. Hate evil and the impact it has on us and our world. “Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good.” Romans 12:9

4. Pray daily for deliverance from evil.

“And don’t let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.” Matthew 6:13

5. Avoid evil and expose it. Don’t live in darkness. “Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them.” Ephesians 5:11

6. Conquer evil by doing good.

“Don’t let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.” Romans 12:21

7. Resist evil by humbling yourself before God.

“So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” James 4:7

E. When temptation comes...

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1. Stand firm on the Word of God. God really did say that!!

“Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.” Ephesians 6:11

2. God is enough! He has given us everything we need.

“By His divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know Him, the one who called us to Himself by means of His marvelous glory and excellence.” 2 Peter 1:3

3. If you have failed in the past, don’t let that predict your future! Trust Him for freedom in your future!

“Brothers, listen! We are here to proclaim that through this man Jesus there is forgiveness for your sins. Everyone who believes in Him is made right in God’s sight—something the law of Moses could never do.” Acts 13:38-39

“So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don’t get tied up again in slavery to the law.” Galatians 5:1

“For you are free, yet you are God’s slaves, so don’t use your freedom as an excuse to do evil.” 1 Peter 2:16