

Flip the Script –Part 1

Pastor Corey was holding a newspaper and a Bible this morning.

- In your daily life, which do you hold? Do you hold only the Bible, associating only with Christians? Do you only hold a newspaper, associating only with non-believers and of the world? Or, do you hold both? Do you live and associate with both, while sharing the gospel and knowing what is real and what is not? What is of God and what is of Satan?

We know Satan will do anything he can to tempt us and separate us from God. Luke Chapter 4 verses 1-13 and Genesis Chapter 3 give us great examples.

Luke 4 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

⁴ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted ^[e] by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'^[e]"

⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours."

⁸ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'^[e]"

⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;

¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'^[e]"

¹² Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'^[e]"

¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Genesis 3 New International Version (NIV)

The Fall

³ 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?'"

² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

⁴ "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

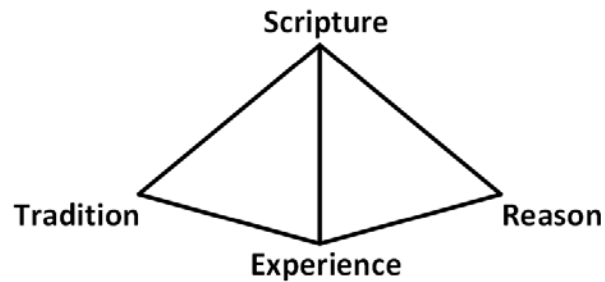
⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

- What does Satan use today to tempt and trick us? What lies has he told you? What lies has he told to your friends/family? What lies are being told to our children?

Pastor Corey mentioned that there is an increase in false teaching, and decrease in those who are standing up willing to teach the truth.

- Have you noticed this? What can we do to help change that? How can we be kingdom workers and help others to reach the lost?

Wesleyan Quadrilateral



Scripture

John 17:17 New International Version (NIV)
¹⁷ Sanctify them by ^athe truth; your word is truth.

Proverbs 30:5 New International Version (NIV)
⁵ Every word of God is flawless;
he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

Psalms 119:160 New International Version (NIV)
¹⁶⁰ All your words are true;
all your righteous laws are eternal.

Matthew 24:35 New International Version (NIV)
³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Tradition

- What are some traditions we have? What are some traditions other denominations and/or other Religions have?

Reason

Reason is a God-given gift that enables us to interpret Scripture, Tradition, and Experience in light of the world in which we find ourselves. Reason allows us to study and grow in knowledge and to make judgments about discipleship in the world. When we use the gift of Reason to shed light on the Bible, Tradition, and Experience, our Christian formation deepens, taking on new forms and shapes in different eras and changing circumstances.

Experience

We have the only religion that truly gets to experience God.

We also have to remember as Pastor Corey said, Feelings are fickle. We also can convince ourselves we are experiencing something we are not.

Jeremiah 17:9 New International Version (NIV)
⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things
and beyond cure.
Who can understand it?

- When have you experienced God? When/where have you seen God working?