**Series: Timeout – Experiencing God in Life’s Disruptions**

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**Today: A Testing Timeout**

***Matthew 4:1-11***

*Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be temptedby the devil. 2After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”*

*4Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”*

*5Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6“If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:*

*“‘He will command his angels concerning you,
    and they will lift you up in their hands,
    so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”*

*7Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”*

*8Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9“All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”*

*10Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”*

*11Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.*

**The pull of the flesh, the world and the devil is very real.**

**At what price would you disown the holy call of God upon your life?**

**Where the Spirit leads, the Spirit helps.**

***James 1:12***

*Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.*