

Jesus begins his ministry of service from a place of emptiness; the call to serve is not dependent on what we have, but on what we give up.

servanthood is a _____

the firstfruits offering is a reminder that without

_____ we would be _____

_____ in the wilderness connects

to _____ in the wilderness

the call to serve begins in our _____,

not in our _____

the call to serve God is not about what you _____

to Jesus, it is about what Jesus _____ to you

The Call to Serve

Deuteronomy 26:1–11 (NIV)

¹ When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, ² take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name ³ and say to the priest in office at the time, “I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴ The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵ Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: “My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. ⁶ But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor. ⁷ Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. ⁸ So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. ⁹ He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; ¹⁰ and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, LORD, have given me.” Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. ¹¹ Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

Luke 4:1–13 (NIV)

¹ 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 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.’” 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.’” 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.’” ¹² Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.



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Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Luke 4:1-13



Understanding the Bible:

What is the problem being expressed in this Bible passage?

How does God show up in this Bible Passage?

In what ways did the devil try to tempt Jesus?

My favorite song today:

Things I will pray for this week:

Today's Bible Passage: Luke 4:1-13

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

J D E V I L A E H F U L
 J O R D A N N N F L H I
 A N H E V O S O H G C V
 N F U L L B W T I L L E
 F U N A M S E H A A E H
 N O G S P I R I T N F A
 T W R I T T E N A D T F
 V I Y T V G D G A C E J
 O Y U D Y E B E C O M E
 F D I L W O R S H I P S
 Y A L O H B E D T H T U
 S Y H O L Y P L A C E S
 G S T O N E C L O R D E

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stone to become bread." **Jesus answered**, "It is **written**: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'" The **devil** led him up to a **high place** and **showed** him in an **instant** all the kingdoms of the world. 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. If you **worship** me, it will all be yours." **Jesus answered**, "It is **written**: '**Worship** the **Lord** your God and serve him only.'" 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. For it is **written**: " 'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a **stone**.'" **Jesus answered**, "It is **said**: 'Do not put the **Lord** your God to the test.'" When the **devil** had finished all this tempting, he **left** him until an opportune time.