



The New Wine Called No (Can You Say No?)

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Text: Matthew 4:8-11, (NIV)

8 Again, 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.” 10 Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’ 11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Series Summary

1. The ability to be **isolated** (Matthew 4:1-2, Jesus was alone in the wilderness)
2. The ability to **prioritize** (Matthew 4:3-4, Jesus was asked to turn stones into bread)
3. The ability to be **wise** (Matthew 4: 4-7, Jesus was asked to take foolish risks that could harm him)
4. The ability to **say no** (Matthew 4: 8-11, Jesus was asked to “bow down and worship him,” he said no)

Home Training Series Titles: The main text was Mark 2:21-22

21 “No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. Otherwise, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. 22 And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins.”

1. The New Wine of **Isolation**
2. The New Wine of **Priorities**
3. The New Wine of **Wisdom**
4. The New Wine of **No**

I. Three Reasons It Can Be Tough to Say No

1. It is tough to say no to a great **high mountain** opportunity
2. It is tough to say no to a **political power**
3. It is tough to see that **compromise** is equal to **bowing** and worshipping

II. Five Things I Frequently Say No To

1. Depression (It knocks on my emotional door often)
2. Expectations (My Experiences have adjusted my expectations)
3. Loneliness (I have learned to self-entertain)
4. Fear (I respect what needs to be respected and fear what needs to be feared)
5. People (I cannot sign up with everyone for every cause)



III. One Thing Jesus Said No To and Struggled with The Most (Out of Balance Religious Pride)

1. Jesus struggled with the **traditions** and **hypocrisy** of the religious leaders (Matthew 15:3)
 - **3 So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.**
2. He struggled with the **burdens** they put on the daily lives of people (15:4)
 - **4 They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.**
3. He struggled with their desire to be the **center of attention** (v5-7)
 - 5 “Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; 6 they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; 7 they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called ‘Rabbi ’by others
4. He struggled with their religious **arrogance** and lack of servant leadership (v11-12)
 - 11 The greatest among you will be your **servant**. 12 For those who exalt themselves will be **humbled**, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.
5. He struggled with the **negative** impact they had on new converts
 - 13 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! **You shut the door** of the kingdom of heaven in people’s faces. You yourselves do not enter, **nor will you let those enter** who are trying to.
 - 15 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you **hypocrites!** You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when you have succeeded, **you make them twice as much a child of hell as you are.**
6. He struggled with the way they defined being **defiled** (Matthew 15:10–11,18-20, NIV)
 - 10 Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen and understand. 11 What goes into someone’s mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.” (cp. Matthew 15:18-20)
7. He considered them to be **spiritually blind** and without much vision (Matthew 15:13-14, NIV)
 - 13 He replied, “Every plant that my Heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. 14 Leave them; they are **blind guides**. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.”

Next: Questions Young People Should Ask the Pastor

Samples:

1. How did you know what your purpose was in life?
2. How did you get over times when people hurt you?



3. Have you been afraid during this pandemic?
4. How long do you think this pandemic will last?
5. How do you balance your desire to succeed with being humble?
6. How do you balance your God-given sexual design and restrain from sex?
7. What is the biggest mistake you have made and how did you overcome it?