

YOU'RE GONNA MAKE IT

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IT IS WRITTEN.

Last week we learned that you are gonna make IT! You are gonna make IT, because IT IS FINISHED. **The Debt has been paid. The sacrifice fully completed. The mission fully accomplished.**

Many have settled for the “shallow end” god. Our God lives in the DEEP END. All for all. The trade is not fair, God’s grace is an incredible gift to ponder.

His finished work is where we get to start. The TRUTH: If your God is not making dead things live, you might have settled for shallow end living. Our God makes dead things live, **because, IT IS WRITTEN**

The History of Writing: The history of written books is a long journey of how humans moved from oral storytelling to recorded texts and finally to bound books. Here’s a overview:

1. Origins of Writing (c. 3200 BCE)

- The first step toward books was writing systems.
- Sumerians in Mesopotamia developed cuneiform on clay tablets.
- Around the same time, Egyptians created hieroglyphs

2. Scrolls (c. 2500 BCE – 500 CE)

- Egyptians made papyrus scrolls, which became the main medium for literature, law, and religion.
- Greeks and Romans also used scrolls, often stored in great libraries
- Scrolls were fragile and hard to navigate. They had to be unrolled to read.

3. The Codex (1st – 4th Century CE)

- Early Christians popularized the codex—pages bound together on one side, like modern books.
- Advantages: easier to carry, allowed writing on both sides, and quicker navigation than scrolls.
- By the 4th century, the codex began replacing scrolls as the dominant form.

4. Manuscript Books (Middle Ages, 500–1400 CE)

- Books were handwritten on parchment or vellum (animal skins).

- Monks in monasteries painstakingly copied texts, often decorating them with illuminated manuscripts.
- These books were rare, expensive, and mostly religious or scholarly.

5. Printing Revolution (15th Century)

- In 1450, Johannes Gutenberg invented the movable-type printing press in Germany.
- His Gutenberg Bible (c. 1455) was the first major book printed this way.
- Printing drastically reduced costs, spread literacy, and fueled the Renaissance and Reformation.

6. Expansion of Print (16th – 18th Century)

- Books became more affordable and widespread.
- Scientific works, novels, and political tracts flourished.
- Libraries and publishing houses emerged as central institutions.

7. Industrial Age of Books (19th – 20th Century)

- Steam-powered presses and new paper production made books cheaper than ever.
- Mass-market novels, newspapers, and schoolbooks spread literacy across all classes.
- By the 20th century, books became a global cultural force.

8. Digital Age (Late 20th – 21st Century)

- The rise of e-books and audiobooks reshaped how books are consumed.
- Devices like Kindle (2007) and platforms like Audible made books more portable.
- Print books remain popular, but digital formats continue to grow.

The greatest known loss of the written word was in the libraries of Alexandria. The Library of Alexandria became not just a place, but a myth. It became a symbol of how fragile knowledge is, and how easily the light of wisdom can be snuffed out.

But we know.....All written words are not created equal.

Written words are only as powerful as the authority by which and whom they were authored.

Jesus knew the importance of the Written Word.

When Satan tempted Jesus at the start of His public ministry, his temptations were, in my opinion, in order of depth. He answered the following in his life, death, and resurrection, **so that we may have the same authority He achieved in His temptations.**

His fight for victory allows us to fight from victory.

EPHESIANS 1:20-22 (CSB)

²⁰ He exercised this power in Christ by raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens— ²¹ far above every ruler and authority, power and dominion, and every title given, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he subjected everything under his feet and appointed him as head over everything for the church,

ROMANS 8:11 (CSB)

¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, then he who raised Christ from the dead will also bring your mortal bodies to life through his Spirit who lives in you.

Jesus answered the following so we could answer the following.

In the desert, he answered three questions:

1. WHO OR WHAT WILL SUSTAIN YOU?

LUKE 4:3 (NKJV)

³ And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." ⁴ But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.' "

Jesus said, my source is every word of God. **When you choose anything else to be your source, the end will not be enough.**

2. WHAT IS YOUR MOTIVATION?

LUKE 4:5-7 (NKJV)

⁵ Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶ And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. ⁷ Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."

The premise of the temptation was authority. You will own the glory. Who has the authority gains the glory.

LUKE 4:8

And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'

Satan, if you see what I see, **the authority and the glory belongs to God.**

When anyone or anything, but Jesus, is in charge of your life, the end of it will leave you with the realization of it's not enough.

Jesus when on trial gave an interesting lesson on authority.

JOHN 19:11

Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me unless it had

been given you from above. Therefore who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.

He speaks to Pilate and says you are there because My Father has appointed you to be there. In other words, you're not in charge, My father is. The greater sin is not what you are doing Pontius Pilate, it's what those who claim to be God's children (Caiaphas) are doing.

They claim that God has the authority over their life, but they allow the powers and principalities of this world to tempt them into earthly power not heavens power.

That greater sin is happening in the Church today. Do you know whose you are? Do you know that heaven has given you an authority that makes demons tremble?

Jesus answers this temptation and says that my motivation can't be seen in the temporary of this world, but rather in eternity. My hope and trust is not in this world, but the God who created it.

3. WHO IS IN CHARGE OF YOUR LIFE?

LUKE 4:9-11 (NKJV)

⁹ Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here.

¹⁰ For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,'

¹¹ and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.' "

The devil flips the script. He uses "For it is written" as a trap to Jesus: You have angels that will protect you, your father won't let anything bad happen to you. It's not really your decision.

It is written:

By his stripes we will be healed: ***Why aren't you healed?***

Signs will follow them that believe: ***Where are the signs?***

They shall speak with other tongues: ***Where are the tongues?***

The enemy lives in the space between what God says he did and when He is about to do it. Those are the battle lines. Faith is required the most in that space. Jesus when tempted in that space, stood on what was written not what was happening.

Jesus does something interesting. He goes from it is written, it has been said.

LUKE 4:12 (NKJV)

¹² And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'