

Key Texts

Luke 3:21-22; 4:1-13 Ephesians 1:18-23, 2:1-7, 6:10-12

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Think of the last time you were applauded for your gifts and application of help to another.
- Were you able to receive the compliment with grace and humility, did you deflect it as if you deserved no thanks, or did you take a bit too much pleasure in having your name recognized?
- How does the low place of service feel in comparison to the devil's high place of honor and accumulation?
- What are the differences in the feelings associated with each, and how can we train our hearts to love the feeling that comes with the former?
- What could you do today, even immediately, to slow down your pace of inner and outer life?
- Most of us are pain resistant, in some way, shape, or form.
 Is there pain in your life right now that you know is yielding in you a greater glory—

 a greater Christlikeness—than you could achieve without it?
- Are you learning to distinguish the voice of God from your own voice, or the voice of the enemy?

If so, what are you learning?

- How have you found strength to stand firm in resisting promises the world gives, staying with Jesus on the path to life?
- How does **Ephesians 1:18–23** affirm our kingdom riches and Jesus's power to give them?
- How does God's word in Ephesians 2 orient us to resist temptation?
- How do these passages help us understand who we are in Christ?
- **Ephesians 6:10-12** reminds us that sometimes, our greatest work is just to stand against the enemy's promises.
- How do you stand?