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Avoid the Blindside
Luke 4:1-13

- i. This is reminiscent of Adam and Eve in the Garden, Israel in the wilderness, Moses and Elijah. All of them failed. Jesus did not.
- ii. Jesus is coming off of a “spiritual high”, namely, his baptism and is blindsided.
- iii. Jesus IS the son of God (not “IF”). The big question is what type of savior he will be, and what will he stand for.

WE CAN AVOID THE BLINDSIDE BY LIVING INTO THESE 3 REALITIES...

I. JESUS IS THE BREAD

- a. “If I were the *slanderer*...”
- b. The temptation to money and status.
- c. The spiritual practice: H.A.L.T.

II. GOD IS THE POWER

- a. “If I were the *adversary*...”
- b. The temptation to personal, ethnic, gender, emotional, physical and political power.
- c. The spiritual practice: Go immediately to Scripture. Deuteronomy 6:4ff was spoken by Jesus every day. It was called the *Shema*.

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS REVEALING THE WAY

- a. “If I were the *enemy*...”
- b. The temptation to abuse religious power.
- c. The spiritual practice—prayer.

CALL to Action: Know your blind spot(s). When is your “opportune time?”