

# ***"With Jesus in the Desert"***

## **A journey of adventure!**

We want to go where Jesus went:	New places
We want to learn what Jesus taught:	New truth
We want to watch what Jesus did:	New life

## **A surprising revelation:**

Following Jesus can lead us into the wilderness  
A place of isolation  
A place of deprivation  
A place of introspection  
*And it can last a very long time!!!!*

## **What journeys to the wilderness have you made?**

Physical wilderness  
Emotional wilderness  
Relational wilderness  
Spiritual wilderness

## **A not so surprising result: I become very hungry**

Strong cravings  
Weak resistance  
Vulnerable will

## **The devil's opportunistic strategy:**

Make bread:	My struggle with wants
Jump off:	My struggle with ambition
Bow down:	My struggle with lordship

## **Jesus' powerful tools of resistance:**

Know the Word  
Use the Word  
Live the Word

## **My challenge for the journey from "Ashes to Fire"**

To accept uncomfortable conditions  
To apply unused disciplines  
To acknowledge unbelievable grace

## ***Galatians 5:25***

25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

## ***Matthew 4:1-11***

4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

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.

## ***1 Corinthians 10:12-13***

13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

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**How does Twitter work?**

When you send twitter an update, that status goes out to all your "followers." If you follow Middletownnaz, you will get our updates about the services either online or on your cell phone. When you reply to those messages, you send out a status update to your followers, including us.

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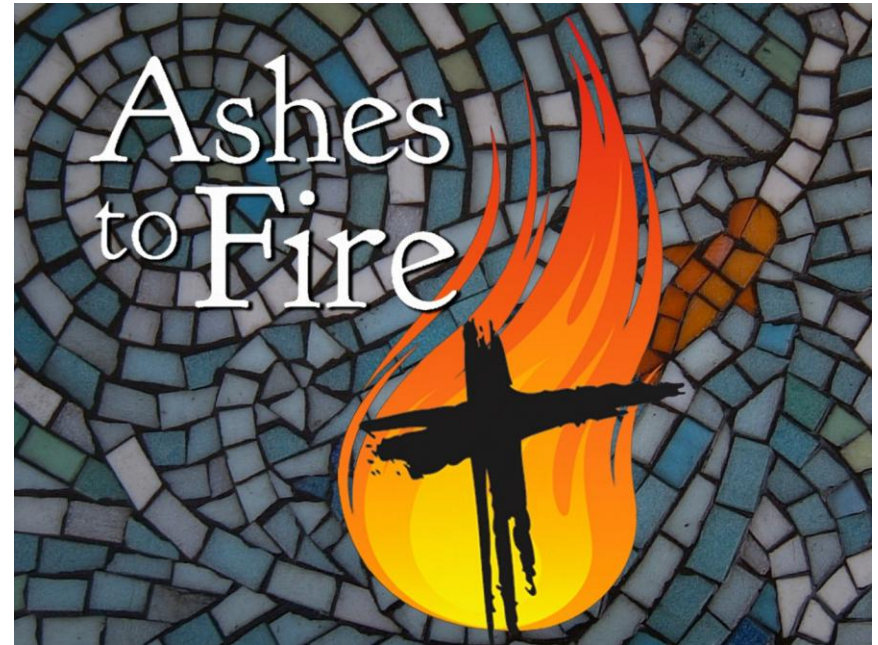
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