



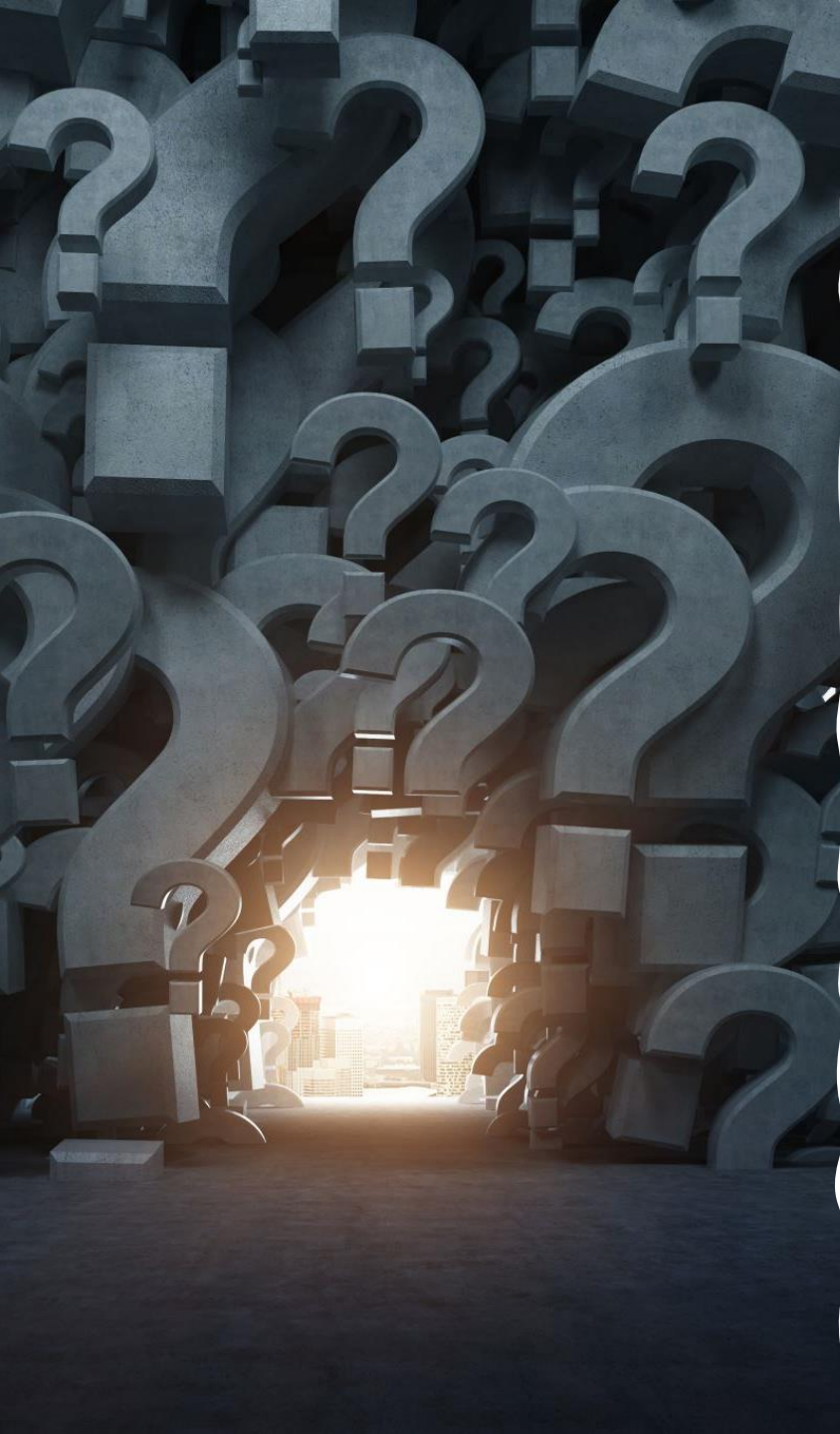
"All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." – Matthew 4:9

THE TEMPTATION ON THE MOUNT.

(From the original painting by Ary Scheffer.)



The Truth and Lies of Temptation



Truths regarding Temptations



1. Inevitable

- “Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.” (Matt. 4:1)
- “...but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.” (1 Cor. 10:13)

2. Temptations are more difficult to resist when alone



3. Temptations will come when you are most vulnerable



4. Temptations will increase with spiritual activities

- “My son, if you draw near to serve the Lord, Prepare your soul for temptation.” (Sir. 2:1)

5. We can grow amid temptation

1. Humility

- “...But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, 21 so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Rom. 5:20-21)

2. Faith



5. We can grow amid temptation

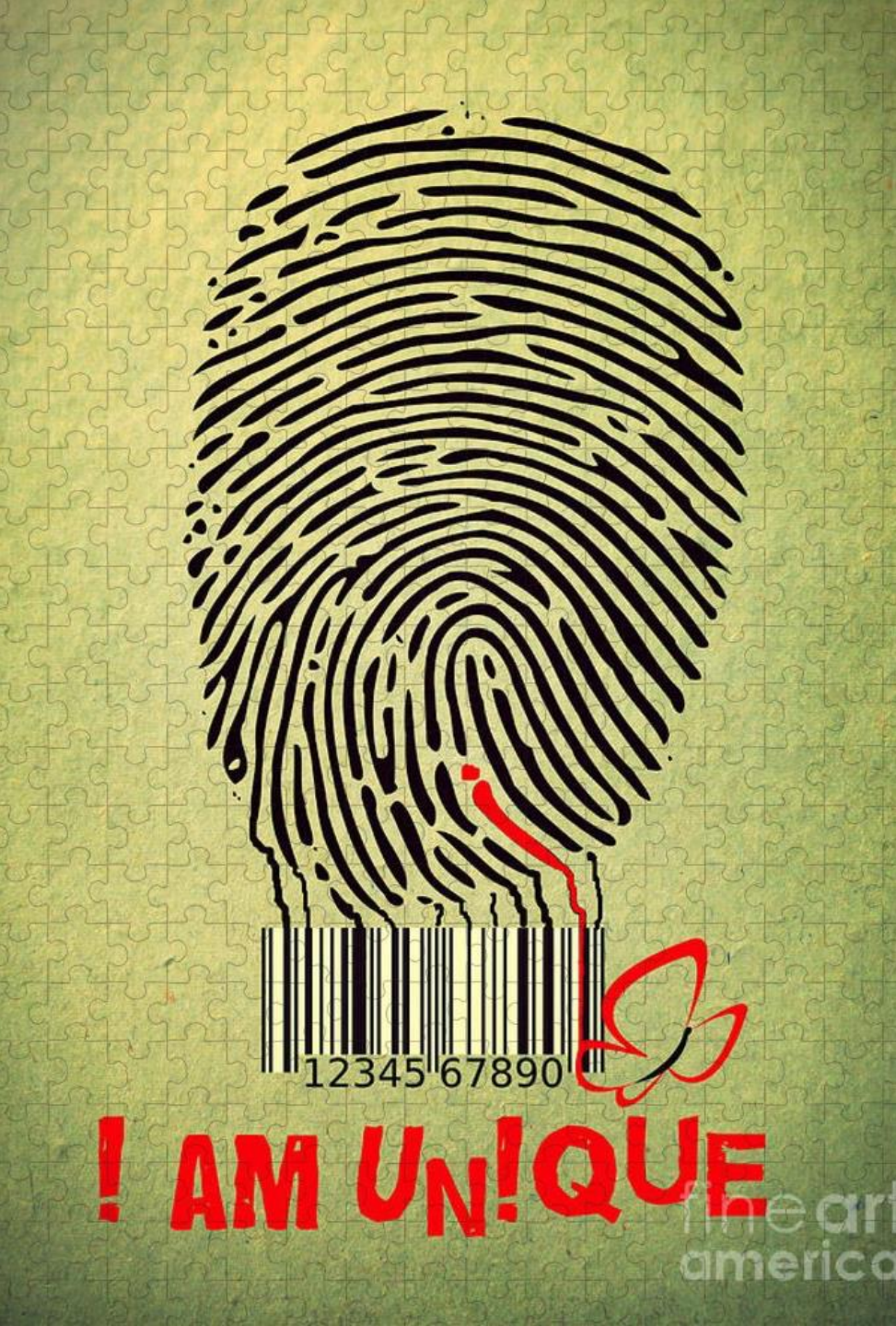
3. Experience in spiritual warfare
 - EX: Sarah and Tobias
 - “However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.” (Matt. 17:21)



Lies of Temptations

1. Satan is the cause of all temptations

- “But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.” (Jam. 1:14)
- Satan cannot compel you to sin but only entice you.



2. My circumstance is unique

- “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man...”
(1 Cor. 10:13)

3. Temptation is too strong



- EX: Joseph the Righteous