

**Sturgeon Alliance Church**  
**Reset Series**  
**Our Understanding of Trials**  
September 13, 2020

Open in Prayer  
Read Mathew 4: 1-11

1. How do you see COVID19 as a reset for our lives?
2. Pastor Brent explained the difference between a 'March' and a 'Pilgrimage'. When you encounter a problem, which way do you most often see it? As a march or a pilgrimage? Why?
3. Do you feel like you are in a spiritual wilderness today? If not, can you recall a time when you have been in a place that is stressful and/or barren? If yes to either of these two questions, do you view this wilderness experience as a place where God is sovereign and part of his will for your life? Explain.
4. The message on Sunday morning suggested that our strength is directly proportionate to our time in the Word. Do you spend sufficient time in God's word on a regular basis? How much time is that relative to the time you spend listening / reading the news or surfing the internet / social media? If changes are necessary, what steps will you take this week to change that? How can we as a small group encourage each other in this area?
5. What were the three temptations of Jesus in Mathew 4? What is the root cause(s) of the temptations that we face while in the wilderness?
6. Why is it often our primary reaction while in a trial to do it all, have it all, or control it all? What is key to avoid doing this?
7. How are you using the trials in your life to know God more?
8. James 1:2-4 => Do all trials lead to maturity? If not, what is the difference between those who mature under trial and those who do not?
9. How can you better view COVID19 as an opportunity?

As part of closing in prayer, have each person share a blessing from this past week as a praise item.