

# *You Can Begin Again*

## **When You Surrender in the Wilderness (Part 3)**

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**Temptation #1** – “I am what I do (performance).” Luke 4:1-4 CSB

**Temptation #2** – “I am what I have (possessions).” Luke 4:5-8 CSB

**Temptation #3** – “I am what others think (popularity).” Luke 4:9-13 CSB

Some of us are addicted to what others think of us. As a result:

1. Many of us put a higher value on what others think about us than what Jesus thinks about us.
2. Our self-image soars with a compliment and is devastated by criticism.
3. We live as a false self – we’re characterized by fear, manipulation, possessiveness, self-promotion, and self-destructiveness.

### **How Do We Overcome Temptation #3?**

By faith, daily let your inner security and worth be found in the Abba’s love.  
(Luke 3:21-22, Galatians 4:6-7 CSB)

**Soul-tattoo:** Receive communion

• **Bible Reading Plan:** We’re reading the book of Luke together during our “You Can Begin Again” series. Find each week’s reading plan on the events page of our website, in the weekly study guide, and in the TC News. We’re currently reading Luke 11-12.