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The second temptation of Jesus in the wilderness was, in part, one of identity.

Matthew 4:5-6

Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, sat Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written,

"He shall give His angels charge over you." and

"In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus had completed forty days of fasting. He was physically weak. He was hungry. He went head on with the Devil, passing the first test and boom, here comes test two. Ever noticed how when one temptation or struggle passes, there is often another one right on its heels?

Satan again tempted Jesus in the area of his identity. He taunted Jesus just as in the first temptation, "IF you are the Son of God..." He even quoted the Scripture this time answering Jesus method of passing the first temptation.

Knowing who we are is a struggle we can all have at times. Fasting helps to clarify that. As we deny our flesh in pursuit of God, our ability to hear and know gets sharper.

Jesus once again uses the Word of God to rebuff the enemy. And there is yet one more test before God will send the angels to minister to Jesus. Hang on, dear child of God, when the testing seems relentless. God will send help. You can end the season of testing with God's strength for your weakness. You can grow in your understanding of who God has created you to be.

Remember that Jesus passed these tests as a man full of the Spirit of God. The same Spirit dwells inside you as a believer. "I can do all things through Christ who is my strength." Philippians 4:13

And at just the right time, God will minister to you, just as He ministered to Jesus.

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