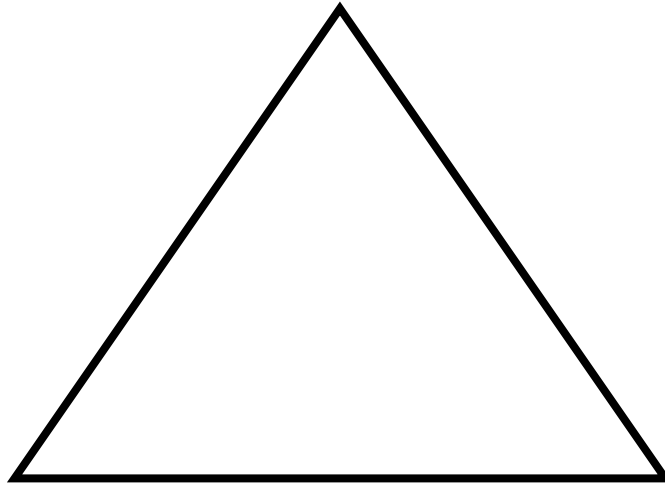


**Community Group Leader Training – January 2018**  
**Luke 4:1-14 – The Temptation of Jesus**



*Goal: Christian maturity – with regard to sin – is all about recognition and recovery.*

vv. 2-3 – Appetite: The desire to gratify the body or mind.

- The Core Lie: I'll never have enough.
- Two Ditches: Excess or Deprivation

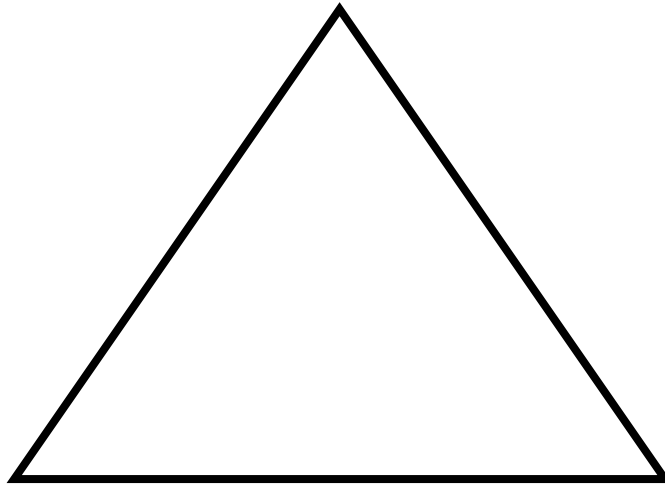
vv. 5-7 – Ambition: The desire to gain success or power.

- The Core Lie: I'll never do enough.
- Two Ditches: Striving or Apathy

vv. 9-11 – Approval: The desire to be accepted or valued.

- The Core Lie: I'll never be enough.
- Two Ditches: Acceptance or Rejection

*Instead of going to the cross with our brokenness, we tend to multiply our brokenness by medicating our primary issue with a secondary issue.*



What Jesus resisted personally in the desert, He defeats permanently on the cross.

Because of His victory over sin, we are given a new identity and are commissioned in a way that redirects our former, sinful desires.

Appetite – At the cross, Jesus became needy so that we could be satisfied. (2 Cor. 8:9)

- Old Identity: Consumer / New Identity: Servant (Rom. 12:1)
- Commission: We freely give of ourselves because we have abundance in Christ.

Ambition – At the cross, Jesus became weak so that we could become strong. (Is. 53:5)

- Old Identity: Performer / New Identity: Ambassador (2 Cor. 5:20)
- Commission: We proclaim the name of Christ above all others, including our own.

Approval – At the cross, Jesus was rejected so that we could be accepted. (2 Cor. 5:21)

- Old Identity: Orphan / New Identity: Son or Daughter (2 Cor. 6:18)
- Commission: We love others as family because the Father has already accepted us.