

January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
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Sermon Title: "Calibrate Your Will"  
Series: Calibrate  
Text: Matthew 4:5-7

### ***I. The Danger of Testing God (Ex. 17:1-7)***

- A. Testing God begins by doubting God's character. (vs.3)**
- B. Testing God continues by doubting God's presence. (vs.7)**
- C. Testing God gives in to a spirit of doubt that turns into offence and anger. (vs.2)**
- D. The Spirit of offence keeps your will from being obedient and receptive. (vs.4)**

### ***II. The Need to Calibrate our Will: (Matt. 4:5-7)***

3 Questions to calibrate the will in prayer and fasting:

- 1. Will we serve God when provision is delayed or scarce?
- 2. Will we be protesters when we were supposed to be intercessors?
- 3. Will we live by our feelings or by God's character?

1 Cor. 10:1-13

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup> Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup> nor grumble, as some

of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup> Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup> Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

John 7:37-39

<sup>37</sup> On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as<sup>[a]</sup> the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" <sup>39</sup> Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.