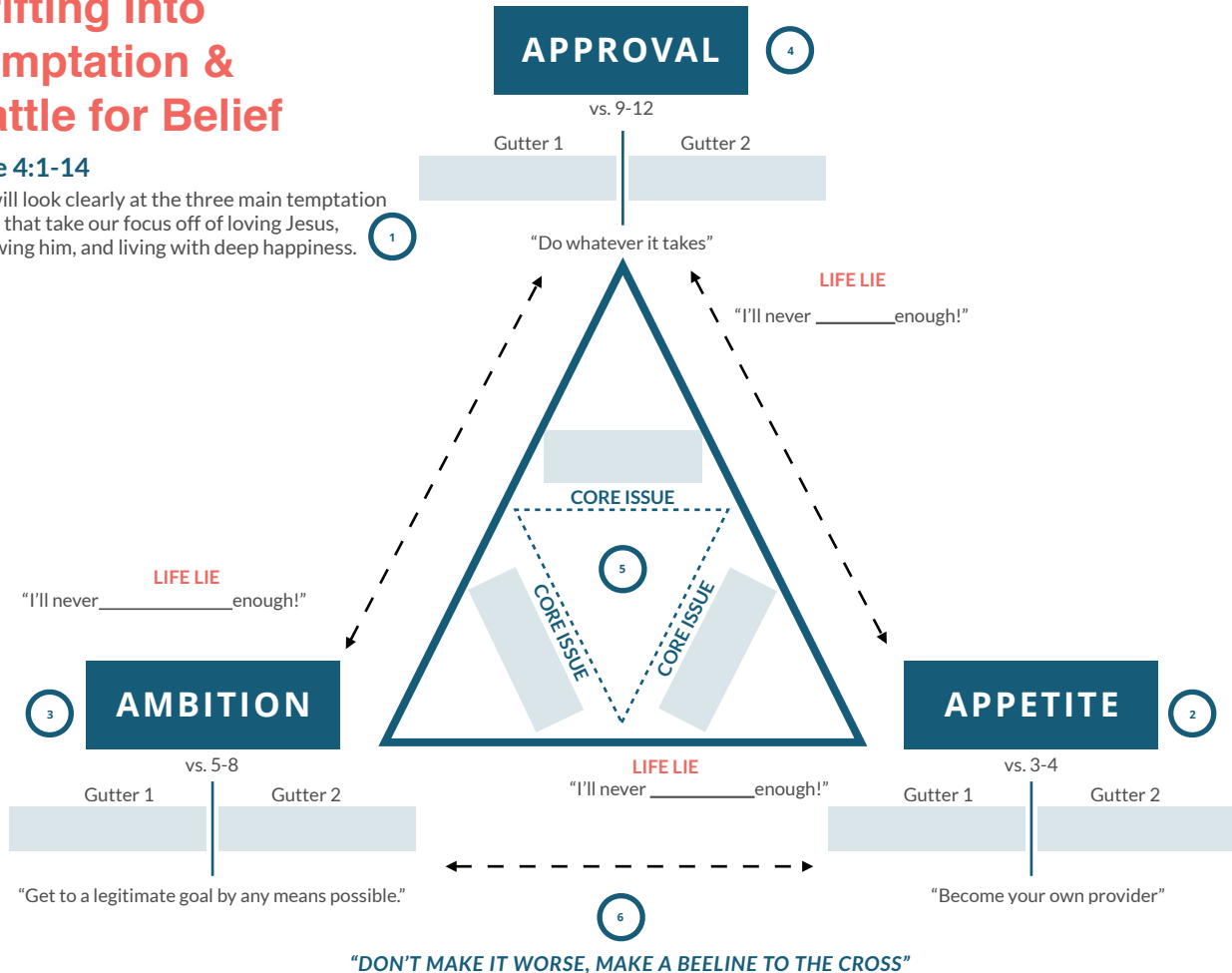


# Drifting Into Temptation & Battle for Belief

## Luke 4:1-14

We will look clearly at the three main temptation drifts that take our focus off of loving Jesus, following him, and living with deep happiness.



# How to Overcome

We also will develop a battle plan to overcome these drifts consistently and pursue Jesus with our whole lives.

## 2 Cor 10:3-5

<sup>3</sup>For although we live in the flesh, we do not wage war according to the flesh, <sup>4</sup>since the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but are powerful through God for the demolition of strongholds. We demolish arguments <sup>5</sup>and every proud thing that is raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ.

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## Take thoughts \_\_\_\_\_ and examine them.

- Put thoughts in a “**cage!**”
- Satan **lies, accuses, tempts, divides,** and **isolates.**\*
- Train yourself to regularly stop and closely examine what you are **thinking, feeling,** or **believing** in light of the truths of the gospel.\*

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## Bring the thought(s) into \_\_\_\_\_.

- This is done **personally** with the **Spirit's help** and in **trustworthy relationships.**
- **Rehearse** the truths of the gospel to become **fluent** in it.
- Use the truths of the gospel to “**choke out**” the lies, accusations, and drifts into temptation.

3

## Fight with \_\_\_\_\_ Truths

- In essence, fighting with gospel truths is **trusting in and putting on** ourselves all that is true of Jesus, and therefore also true of us in Jesus.\* - See Ephesians 6:10-18
- **Immerse yourself in the Bible** to become fluent - like a second language.
- Don't just read the Bible, **memorize it, treasure, and own it** | “*I have treasured your word in my heart so that I may not sin against you.*” - Psalm 119:11
- **Surround yourself with people** who love you and have memorized, treasured, and owned the Bible.

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