

Serving God- Temptation and Trials Matthew 4:1-11



40 days
extreme
testing



Every SAS soldier has to pass the gruelling selection process which tests fitness, endurance, initiative, and willpower.

Serving God

1. Serving God Through **Faith**
2. Serving God in Your **Community**
3. Serving God by Setting a **Good Example**

Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Community is people with common interests living in a particular area.

Good Example is living in a way that helps other people.

Serving God Through Parts 1 & 2.

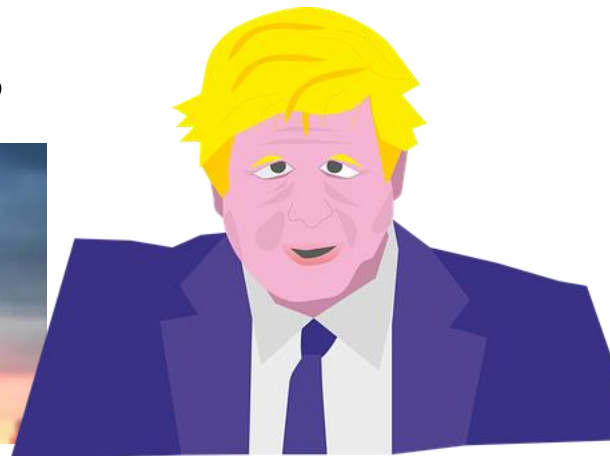
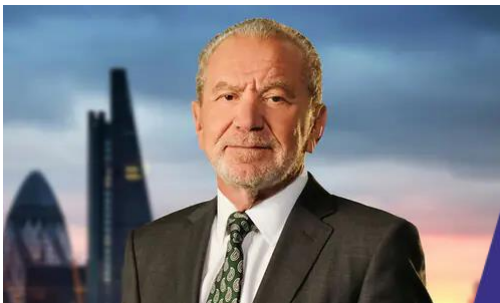
Faith and Community

- **FAITH.** *All things work together.* Romans 8v28
PROBLEMS convert to OPPORTUNITIES
OPPORTUNITIES convert to BLESSING
BLESSING converts to WORSHIP.
- **COMMUNITY.** Start **BIG by ENCOURAGING** those who SERVE. We should encourage our neighbours for their good, to build them up."
Romans 15:2.

Serving God Through Part 3

Example

- **EXAMPLE.** Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow his steps. 1Peter 2:21. and Paul says:-
- 1 Corinthians 11 Follow my example, just as I follow the example of Christ.
- Alternatives



The always open door of FAITH TRIALS



Opened by Jesus to give us
ACCESS to God. John 10v9.

Life is full of many kinds
of trouble. When your
faith is tested, you learn
to be patient and the end
result will be good. You
will be mature and
complete and you will be
all that God wants you to
be.

James 1v2-4.

The always open door of TEMPTATION

Just click the mouse!



The last DOOR says HELLO but it is wrongly spelt—it reads O HELL.

When is a door not a door?!

Don't stop me now I am
having a good time!

**LOOK for the EMERGENCY
EXITS?**

Concealed by smoke and
mirrors?

Revelation 1:18

I am Jesus that lives, and was
dead; and, behold, I am alive
for evermore and have the
keys of HELL and of death.

Become as little children. Matt 18v3

Like children we misinterpret the Word of God!

- 3-year-old, "Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen."
- "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us from E-mail."
- "And why should we be quiet in church?"
"Because a lot of people are sleeping."
- Why do people in Heaven, "have ever laughing life?"
- FINALLY. As the preacher's sermon dragged on and on a little girl whispered, "Mummy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

