

Journaling Questions

1. Remember a time in your life when you were struggling, how did you surrender to that lived experience? Did surrender mean giving into the struggle or being responsive to the boundaries that were before you in the struggle (being surrendered)?

2. In relationship to this scripture, who is Jesus **personally** to you?

Matthew 16:13-15

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

3. After recognizing who Jesus is, who are **you** in relationship to him? What would others see in you when living out of this identity?

4. How do you see yourself being tempted to fill your spiritual hunger through anything other than the word of God, Jesus, Himself?

5. How would surrendering the land of stones and living out of your true identity as a child of God, help relieve you from this temptation?

6. How do you see self-glory manifested in your life, or in the lives of your loved ones?

7. How would surrendering to live out of your true identity as a child of God help relieve you from this temptation?

8. How do you see yourself being tempted by power as represented in this painting?

9. How would surrendering to live out of your true identity as a child of God help with this temptation and the struggle it creates?

10. Satan attempted to keep Jesus from fulfilling God’s will for him by tempting him to act out of his human self-will. How might denying yourself grow you in surrender? How might this affect the unfolding of your spiritual journey or relationship with God.