

**PAUSE**  
**Forty-One Days**  
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**What really hangs in the balance when you are faced with temptation?**

**Matthew 3:16-17 (NIV)**

<sup>[16]</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him.

<sup>[17]</sup> And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

**Matthew 4:1-3 (NIV)**

<sup>[1]</sup> Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

<sup>[2]</sup> After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

<sup>[3]</sup> The tempter came to him...