

Last stop today, Prince Rupert, BC.

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, John 20.

When Jesus faced His temptations in the wilderness, recorded in Matthew 4, His first temptation dealt with turning rocks into bread. This would surely help meet what the devil would guess was Jesus's great need after not eating for the previous 40 days.

Our enemy is always looking for areas where we are most vulnerable and will attack our weaknesses. After viewing the mountain goats the other day, Donna mentioned that the hooves on the goats are designed to pierce even through the snow to help keep the goats sure footed, no matter the time of the year. But she also mentioned how their hooves allow the goats to go where their predator, a bear, is not always able to venture.

Looking for the goats high up on the mountainside was much like playing "Can you find the hidden item in the picture," but on a grand scale.

When we get puffed up with pride, thinking how much better we are than others, this is where the enemy will attack us. The same is true in any area of spiritual growth. When we think we have loved others enough, this is when God will open more doors to love and serve people, and the enemy will do anything to keep up from doing what God desires of us.

While I am guessing the goats know they have a better chance of survival by staying on the sheer cliffs, they none-the-less remain diligent in keeping a lookout for any predator.

While we must always be on guard against our enemy, remember, our greatest enemy might be within our own hearts, thinking we have arrived at spiritual maturity and have nothing more to surrender to God.

Psalm 40:1-2 "I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure." (ESV)