

Title: Power in your corner

Theme: Discussion of the temptations of power and how power, especially perceived power as associated with wealth or resources, may lead us to compromise our values. Jesus shows us another way.

Scripture: Luke 4:1-15 Jesus's Temptation

Movie: Aladdin - works for animated or live action

Clip 1 - Aladdin and Jasmine talk

Animated: 20:30 - 21:54

Live Action: 13:10 - 16:50

- Discuss the roles of power, expectations, and access to resources as they impact the feelings of the characters.
- Discuss the perception of these things when the characters look to the other side.
 - This is definitely a moment where the grass looks greener....
- **Scripture Connection:** In the first temptation we are told Jesus is famished and then the devil implies that Jesus has the supernatural power to change that situation immediately. How is Jesus able to resist the temptation to eat? Does Jesus truly have this type of power? What would be the harm in making bread in this moment?

Clip 2 - The Final Confrontation

Animated: 1:15:30 - 1:22:00

Live Action: 1:48:50 - 1:53:00

- Note Aladdin has lost all of his perceived power from the Genie
 - What is his response to this loss of perceived power?
 - What is the impact of believing in your own ability to change your environment?
 - Do you, personally, feel more or less powerful than your environment and circumstances?
- Jafar has everything he's wanted but he longs for more, which leads to his downfall.
 - What are the dangers here around power?
 - Have we ever been seduced by grasping for more power?
 - How does the comparison "They have what I think I want." play a part?
- **Scripture Connection:** Let's assume Jesus knows that in three years He will be tortured and crucified. Take time to imagine the depth of temptation in light of that. How would the world be different if Jesus had seized power? How should Christians be living today in light of Jesus's decisions in this moment of the text?