

# SHORTCUT TO GLORY



*“For just a little compromise I will put power into your hands.*

*A little nod in my direction and I will open doors for you.*

*A tiny lie here and a little wink there and gold will fill your pockets.*

*Do you understand?*

*I’m offering you a shortcut to all you came to achieve!*

*Did you not come to redeem the world? I’m putting it into your hands without a fight.”*

It happened right after Jesus was baptized and received the Spirit.

It happened before he preached a single word or performed a single sign.

***And the devil took him up, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory; for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it shall all be yours." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'"***

***Luke 4***

One way or another it happens to us.

The same shortcut to glory is offered on a silver platter.



**The offer is subtle.**

*“Look at how much good you could do if you had some influence with the government!”*

*“Look at how you could expand your ministry if you had more money.”*

*“Listen to my offer with an open mind. I only want to help.”*

**The shortcut to glory is awesome.**

*“I want you to dream big!”* says the deceiver.

*“Does not scripture say, ‘Where there is no vision, the people perish.’?”*

*Well here’s my vision for you. Success and prosperity beyond your dreams!”*

**The Shortcut to Glory is hard to resist.**

Satan offers you the very thing I’ve been dreaming of.

*“You are going to make a difference!”*

*“You are going to make this world a better place.”*

*“You are going to leave a legacy behind.*

*Your name will go down in history.”*

**The Shortcut to Glory is a bottomless pit.**

The minute you take the offer a strange force whisks you along the path of “success” ----until you begin to spin down,

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**Forget the short cut and answer the call.**

**And Jesus answered him, "It is written,  
You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."**

Jesus set his face toward the cross and continued his journey.

There is no shortcut.

There is simply the call.

**"Follow me,"**

Where to, Lord?



**"To a cross."**

Along the way you will bring good news to the poor.

Sight to the blind.

Deliverance to the captives.

Hope to all who seek God's kingdom.

**What more could you want?**

*Prayer: Holy Father, alert our hearts, keep us wary of seeking glory, of making compromises that lead us to achieving our own ends, that lead us far from you. Lord help us to recognize and resist these subtle temptations. Instead may your words burn in our souls, exposing the deceptive, insidious lies of evil. And may we be so aware of you and thankful for your love that this gives us the strength to say to the tempter, "our Holy Lord is worthy and we shall serve him only". And may we be so strongly attuned to your call to "come, come follow me" that we willingly journey to any cross you have for us because we know that wherever you lead us we will find you and the only glory worth living and dying for.*

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