

May 9: WHY ARE YOU RUSHING?

Read James 1:4.

- What are you trying to force that God has not finished? Where has impatience led you into pressure?
- What are you unwilling to wait for? What are you afraid will not happen if you slow down?
- Rev. Prince shared with us, “**What you reject in obedience, God will replace with something better in His timing.**” Do you trust God’s process or are you replacing it?

Pray this prayer from a sincere heart of faith: “Holy Spirit, teach me to trust Your timing and remove every fear that makes me rush. Give me grace to wait with confidence and remain steady as You shape my life. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.”

May 10: WHAT WILL YOU CHOOSE?

Read Proverbs 14:12.

- Rev. Prince stated last weekend, “**The antidote to shortcuts is not feelings. It is truth. It is not impulse. It is conviction. It is not ambition. It is worship.**” What does this statement mean you?
- What decision are you avoiding right now? Where do you know the right thing to do but are delaying doing it?
- What is the cost of obedience - and are you willing to pay it? What will your life look like if you keep choosing the easy path? Will you choose God’s way even if it costs you everything?

Prayer: Ask God for courage to make difficult, godly decisions. Pray for consistency in choosing His way daily. Ask for a heart that remains committed, no matter the cost.



Daily Devotional: THE BAIT OF SHORTCUTS

Here is a Daily Devotional to enable you to make the most out of this sermon. You may use it for your personal growth or discuss it together in your Life Group.

May 4: WHAT HAS YOUR ATTENTION?

Read Matthew 4:8.

- What spoke to you the most from the sermon “**THE BAIT OF SHORTCUTS**”? How would what you heard change the way you live?
- What has captured your eyes and is now controlling your desires? What are you drawn to that you have not prayed about?
- Where are you more impressed by what is visible than what is spiritual?
- What looks “good” but is not from God? If you keep looking at it, where will it lead you?

Make this declaration in faith: “I refuse to be captivated by what is not ordained by God. My eyes are disciplined and aligned with truth. I will not chase what is attractive but empty. I choose what is sacred over what looks appealing.”

May 5: WHAT ARE YOU BEING OFFERED?

Read Genesis 3:6.

- What are you being promised that feels too easy? What is being offered to you that requires you to bend?
- Where are you being tempted to take what God has not given?
- What are you willing to compromise to get ahead? Is the reward worth your obedience?
- Rev. Prince said, “**Temptation often begins in the realm of sight. What the enemy shows you can stir desire, impatience, and fleshly ambition.**” What does this statement mean to you?

Pray this prayer from a sincere heart of faith: “Lord Jesus, expose every false offer that comes disguised as opportunity. Strengthen my heart to walk away from anything that dishonors You. Give me boldness to choose obedience over advancement. Let my life reflect unwavering devotion to You. Amen.”

May 6: WHAT WILL IT COST YOU?

Read Mark 8:36.

- What are you about to lose that you cannot replace? What are you risking that God entrusted to you?
- What looks small now but will become costly later? What are you sacrificing without realizing it? If you take this path, who will you become?

Make this declaration in faith: “I refuse to lose my soul chasing temporary gain. I value what is eternal above what is immediate. I will not trade my destiny for momentary satisfaction. My choices are aligned with God’s purpose for my life.”

May 7: WHO DO YOU WORSHIP?

Read Matthew 4:10.

- Rev. Prince shared with us last weekend, “**The bait of shortcuts starts when you become captivated by what is shining instead of what is sacred.**” What matters more to you: God’s approval or visible success?
- Where has ambition replaced surrender? What are you bowing to that you refuse to confront?
- What do your decisions reveal about your true devotion?
- If God said, “Wait”, would you still obey?

Declare by faith out loud: “God alone is the focus of my worship. I bow to Him and Him alone. My life is aligned with His will, not my ambition. I choose surrender over success and devotion over recognition in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

May 8: WHAT DO YOU STAND ON?

Read Proverbs 28:20.

- When pressure comes, what do you rely on: truth or emotion? What Scripture is guiding your decisions right now?
- Where are you unprepared because you lack faithfulness to the Word? What lie have you believed that needs to be confronted?
- Rev. Prince said, “**The destination may be legitimate, but the road is twisted.**” If temptation came today, would you be ready?

Make your faith declaration today: “I stand on the Word of God. I reject every lie and embrace truth. My decisions are guided by Scripture, not feelings. I am grounded, stable, and unshakable.”