





Big Idea: There are no shortcuts to obedience.

Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

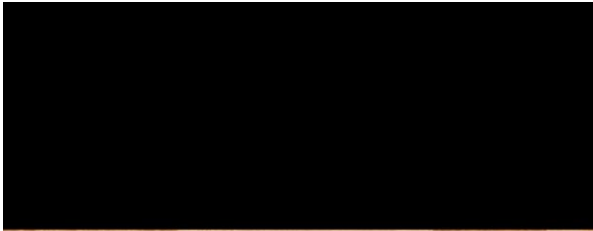
Matthew 4:2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.



Matthew 4:3a The tempter came to him...



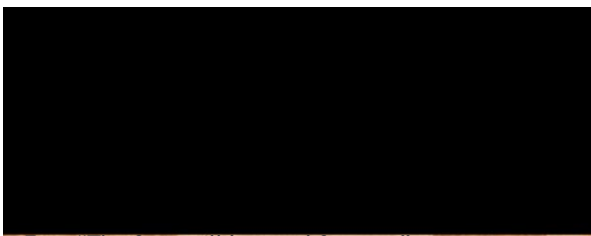
Shortcut 1: Because you can, you should.



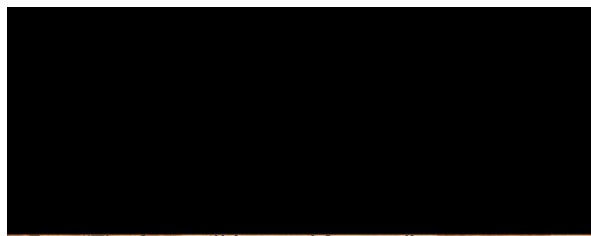
Matthew 4:3b "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."



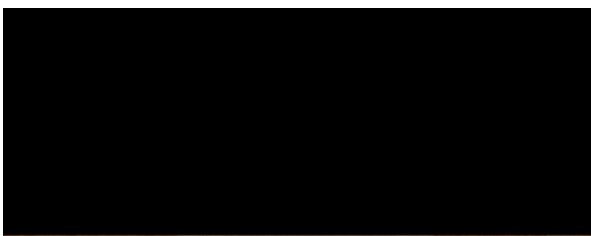
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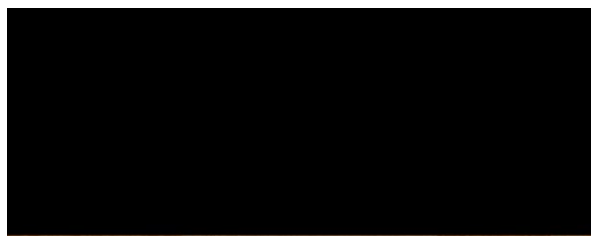
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Us: Lust of the flesh.



Matthew 4:4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"



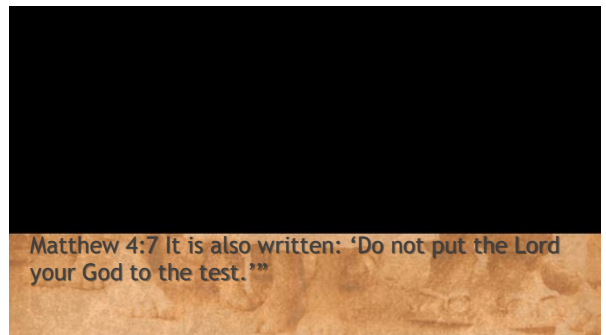
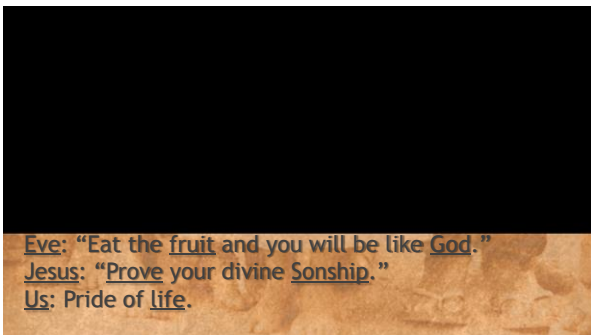
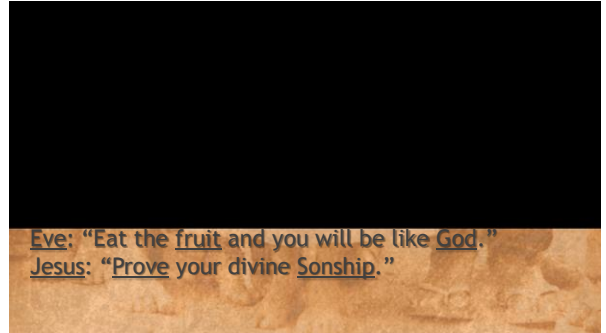
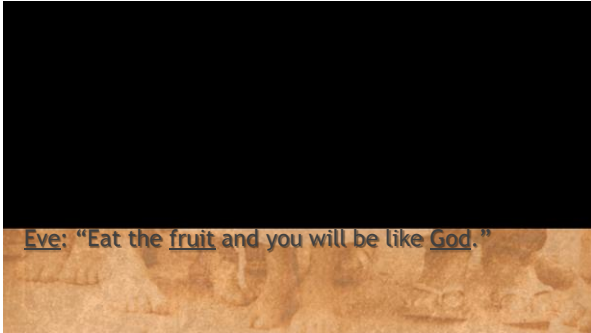
John 4:34 My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.

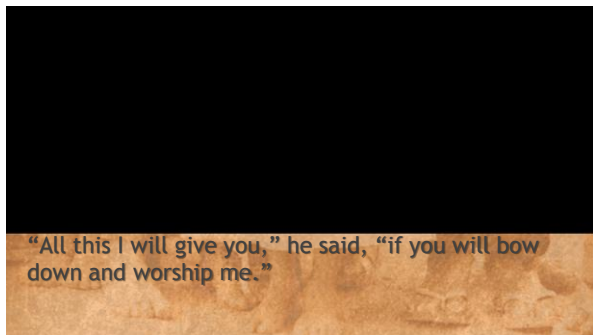
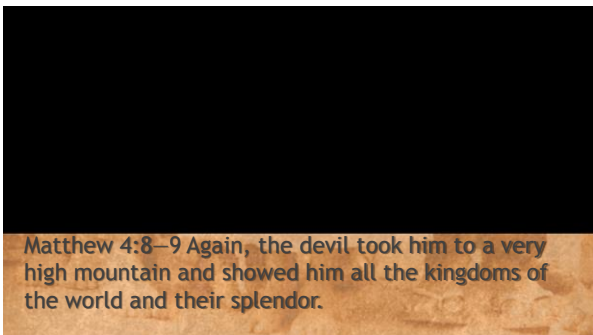
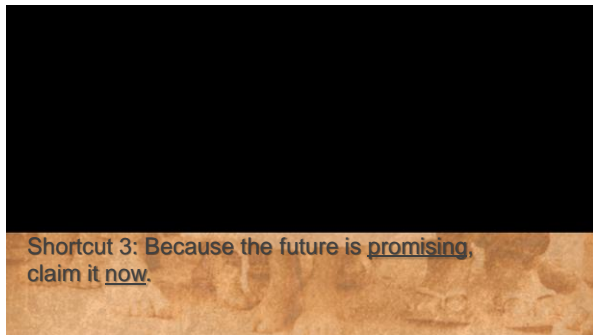
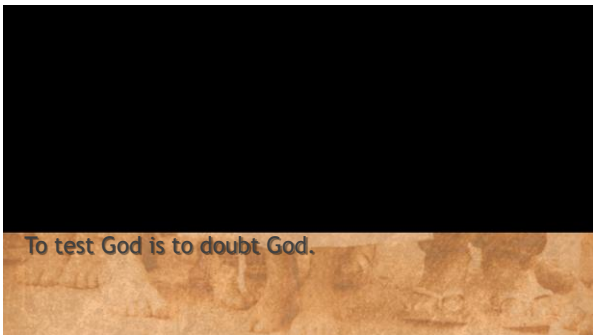
Shortcut 2: Because God has spoken, test His word.


Matthew 4:5–6 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said,

“throw yourself down. For it is written: ‘He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands,

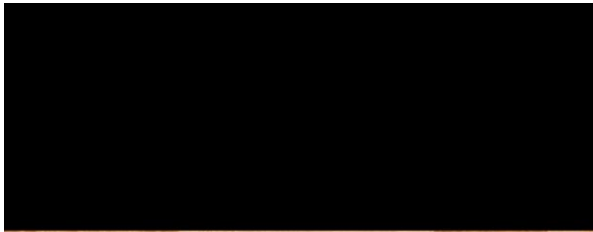
“so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.””



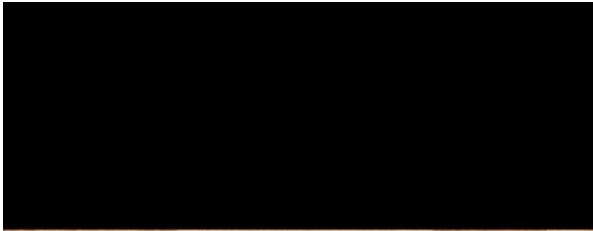




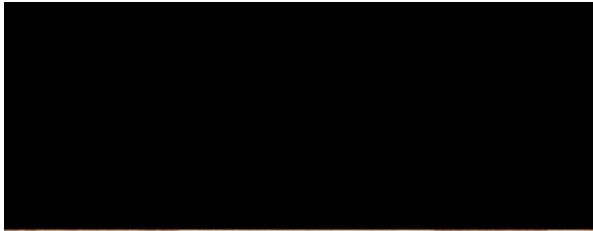
Philippians 2:9–11 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him a name that is above every name,



that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,



to the glory of God the Father.



Eve: “Look at the beauty of that fruit.”

