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JESUS WORTH FOLLOWING

Temptation is always an invitation to embrace self-interest.

John the Baptist

"Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

John 1:29

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the diabolos.

After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

The tempter came to him...

The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

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

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.'

Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Why are powerful people so inclined to go off the rails?

Power is not primarily for the benefit of the powerful.

Wealth is not primarily for the benefit of the wealthy.

Influence is not primarily for the benefit of the influential.

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Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said...

"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

A Kingdom where the King lays down his life for his subjects.

Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."

Matthew 4:1-10

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Luke 4:13

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

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Say "yes" to your mama and "no" to the devil.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?

Luke 9:25

Power would be leveraged for the powerless.

Wealth would be leveraged for those in need.

Influence would be leveraged for those without a voice.

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