

Beware of Shortcuts  
Luke 4

Introduction

Man is constantly on the lookout for the shortcut.

They are easy to find, but they often lead down a path to misery and total ruin.

A list of people who have tried it: Samson, David, Richard Nixon, Pete Rose and probably most of us.

Jesus' name never appears on the list.

- I. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to take any shortcuts.
  - a. Heb. 4:15.
  - b. Luke 4:1-11.
  - c. Satan offered Jesus a way to the masses by going around the pain.
- II. How was Jesus able to say "no" to the shortcuts?
  - a. Jesus knew where the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - i. They were appealing, but they all led to Death Valley.
    - ii. How often have our shortcuts derailed the plans God had for us?
  - b. Jesus had a strong \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
    - i. He knew the history of Israel when they ventured from God's path.
    - ii. Israel tried the desert experience; they tried it because they saw a shortcut around God's plan.
  - c. Jesus had a \_\_\_\_\_ to why God allows testing.
    - i. Jesus knew this was a defining moment in his life.
    - ii. How much does Jesus love and trust the Father?
  - d. Jesus was prepared \_\_\_\_\_.
    - i. Satan approached Jesus at his weakest point.
    - ii. When we are disconnected, we are open to the offer of the shortcut.
    - iii. The place of mediation, prayer and fasting.
    - iv. Prov. 14:12.

Conclusion

Two passages that give us hope.

2 Tim. 1:10.

Heb. 2:9.



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**Sunday Worship (10:00 & 4:00)**  
**Sunday Bible Study (9:00)**  
**Wednesday Bible Study (6:30)**  
**Life Groups (Various Locations)**

**Ministers:**

Doug Austin & Michael Nelson

**Elders:**

Davis Bennett - Tim Dunnahoo  
Wayne Fenter - Jerry McCormack  
Lee Rogers - David West

**Elder Chairman of the Month:**

Lee Rogers

**OUR MISSION**

*To seek and save the lost through evangelism, benevolence, and edification.*

*- Luke 19:10*

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# The Encourager

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## Worship Order – March 1, 2020

**Welcome:** Michael Nelson

**Song Leader:** Best Friends

**Songs:**

**Communion Song:**

**Communion Thought:** Lee Rogers

**Songs:**

**Sermon:** Doug Austin – “Beware of Shortcuts”

**Invitation song:**

**Closing Song:**

**Closing Prayer:** Joe Bergman

**Sunday Morning Bible Study (9:00)**

**Romans** – Doug Austin (Young Families Room)

**Joseph** – Lee Rogers (Heart-to-Heart)

**John** – Davis Bennett (Auditorium)

**Now That I am a Christian** – Oscar Hernandez/Mike Joy (Library)

**Revelation (Spanish)** – Mynor Vasquez

**Teens** (Teen Room)      **Kids of all Ages** (Various Rooms)

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study (6:30 p.m.)**

Classes for all Age Groups

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**Prayer Requests**

- o **Joanne Magness** suffered a fall recently. She is dealing with quite a bit of pain in her knee.
- o Please continue to keep **Delbert Nelson** and family in prayer.

**Continue in Prayer**

Rosemary O’Neal, Bill Linder, Anita Zuniga, Clara O’Neil, Wanda Walker, Jean Brooks, Delbert Nelson, Tim Miller, Loretta Bullock, Veda Proctor, Beverly Merritt, Robert Dilbeck, Mary Lou Hall, Jerry Stanley, Bill Wright, Billie Elkins, Larry Williams, Pablo Contreras, Craig Lake

**Fusion (Youth)**

- **February 28<sup>th</sup>** – Best Friends Concert
- **February 29<sup>th</sup>** – Fusion Recharge Youth Rally

**Journey Land (Kiddos)**

- **March 1<sup>st</sup>** -  
-Blue Team – History  
-Red Team - Bible
- **March 4<sup>th</sup>** -  
-Blue Team – History  
-Red Team - Bible

**Those Who Serve:**

**Deacons Serving:** Greg Nibert, Koko Blackwell, George Escalante, Joe Sanchez  
**Men Serving:** Robert Leyva, Larry Fitts, Kevin Fenter, Ron Doyle, Heath Woody, Ronnie Merritt, Jerry Ringheimer  
**Greeters:** Reuben & Jennifer Hall, Darla Prewitt  
**Pick-Up Cards:** Simon & Owen Holloman, Carter Cometti, Dayton Bennett, Jaxon Houghtalin, Zane Shaffer  
**Communion/Offering:** George Archuleta, Bill Wright, Kyler Burd, David West, Aaron Holloman, George Escalante, Loyd Hughes, Quinton Franzoy, Connor Kilburn, Juan Dominguez, John Matta, Bryce Taylor, Kent Taylor, Kevin Fenter

# Life@CCR

- o Our cooks for Recharge this week were **Nici Austin & Fran Craig**. 17 meals were delivered in all! Thanks so much to all of you who help make Recharge a success each week. Next week’s meal will be lasagna. If you are willing to be a cook, we’ve got lots of dates that need to be filled in March & April.
- o **Best Friends mixed ensemble from LCU** will be here to perform on Friday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Be sure and invite your friends & family to this fun event! There will also be a table set-up in the foyer where you can purchase some of their CD’s.
- o **Journey Land is in need of a Journeyman for March and two Journeymen for April. Also, there is a need for a Bible Storyteller in April!**
- o **Mark your calendars!!!** We are planning a family camp retreat at Mountain View Christian Camp in Ruidoso on the weekend of April 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet can be found on the foyer table. There will be good food, games and lots of fellowship. We hope you will make plans to attend.
- o **Election Day is just around the corner (March 3<sup>rd</sup>)**. As always, the building will be used as a polling place. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. and you can vote at any of the six voting convenience centers.
- o **Book Club** will be meeting on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m. Please bring \$8 if you purchased a copy of our next book.

**For the Record**

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class.....157/123  
 Sunday AM/PM Worship.....271/--  
 Weekly Contribution.....\$7,660

**Week @ a Glance  
Celebrations & Happenings**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Sunday evening service @ 4 p.m. Speaker: Mike Joy Wayne Fenter’s b-day.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Men’s Only Lunch @ Pepper’s @ 11:30 a.m. Book Club @ 6 p.m.
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Election Day: Polls open from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	Ladies Bible Class @ 10 a.m. Wednesday Night Recharge @ 5:30 p.m. Wednesday evening service @ 6:30 p.m. Jack Peterson & Alyana Lopez’s b-day.
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	Alan Warboys & Joe Bergman’s b-day.

**Pantry Items Needed:** Cereal, pasta sauce & spaghetti, pb & j, crackers, soup, Hamburger Helper

**Thank You Notes Received**

Ladies Bible Class,  
 Thank you so much for your encouraging card. I enjoyed reading each name and feeling the love and prayers from each one. It is a true blessing to have your prayers coming my way and they are being felt. If the world were full of small groups of praying, faithful people, what a different world it would be! Thank you personally for reaching out and praying for us! -Andy & Lauren Simons

Dear Church Family,  
 Thank you so much for checking on me following my shoulder surgery. The cards, prayers and calls have really meant a lot.  
 -Pablo Contreras

Dear Austin Small Group,  
 It meant a lot to me to know you are raising me up to God in prayer! I know He is in charge of my situation, and I believe He will heal me. Your entire church has been so good to me and many of you are great friends, too! I am praying for all of you as well.

In His Love, Tim Miller