

A wooden cross is centered against a wall. Several pieces of paper are pinned to the wall around the cross. The top paper has some faint, illegible text. The background is a warm, orange-brown color with a gradient from dark at the top to lighter at the bottom.

The Jesus Journey

Learning to follow Jesus 24/7

The “Follow Me” Factor

- Matthew 4:18-20
- Matthew 8:19
- Matthew 9:9
- Matthew 16:24
- Matthew 19:21

Common Denominator

- **SACRIFICE**
- **What would motivate them to such sacrifice?**
- **John 6:66-69**
- **Matthew 16:13-16**

Temptations...

- Our decision to follow Christ doesn't immunize us from temptation. In fact, in most cases, it only increases!
- 1 John 2:15-17
- Genesis 3 – Adam & Eve
- Matthew 4 – Jesus

Four Temptations...

1. Temptation to LOOK BACK

- Refers to second guessing or waffling back and forth.
 - Attack on our FOUNDATION
 - Luke 9:57-62
 - Luke 17:20-32
 - “Remember Lot’s wife.”

Four Temptations...

2. Temptation to DRAW BACK

- Refers to fearful reaction rather than a faith-filled response.
 - Attack on our FAITH
 - Hebrews 10:35-39

Four Temptations...

3. Temptation to SET BACK

- Refers to a choice to simply park rather than press forward.
 - Attack on our FUTURE
 - Philippians 3:13-15
 - Retirement is not BIBLICAL!

Four Temptations...

4. Temptation to TURN BACK

- Refers to a continued hunger for the old life that hinders and halts the new life.
 - Attack on our **FREEDOM**
 - Galatians 4:9

1 Corinthians 10:13

“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape that you may be able to bear it.”