Biblical Examples of Convenience Over Devotion
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Scriptures:

- Ephesians 6:11
- Mark 10:17-22
- John 6:53, 60-66
- Matthew 26:14-16, *NLT*
- John 18:17, 18, 25, *NLT*
- 2 Timothy 4:10
- Revelation 3:15-17, *NLT*
- Mark 11:28-30, *MSG*

Summary:
The enemy uses convenience as a subtle strategy to pull us away from God's will by dulling our devotion and nurturing apathy rather than outright rebellion. We define something convenient as what saves time and effort; however, it becomes dangerous when it replaces surrender, participation, and obedience to God's mission. Examples like the rich young ruler, wandering disciples, Judas, Peter, Demas, and the church of Laodicea teach us that choosing what feels easier often costs us spiritual depth, courage, and relational trust in Jesus. The issue is rarely possessions, comfort, or success themselves, but where we place our identity, security, and affection. Grace invites us to break away from self-preservation and challenges us to be willing to show up, face inconvenience, and release what God has placed on our lives for the sake of others. Failure doesn't disqualify us, but unchecked comfort can silence our witness. Embracing Jesus' invitation to rest in Him keeps us spiritually safe.

Notes:

1. The enemy moves us away from God by using conveniences to stop us from doing God's will.
2. Convenience can be a blessing when it serves God's purpose and mission.
3. Biblical examples of convenience over devotion include the rich young ruler, the disciples who walked away from Jesus, Judas Iscariot, the apostle Peter, Demas, and the church of Laodicea.
4. Jesus offers us an alternative to religion. He asks us to trust Him so that He can give us rest.
5. God invites us into His presence; being with Him gives us rest and brings us into alignment with all that He has done.

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