



Title: 20 Feet from Stardom

Joshua 6:18-19 -ERV

18 Remember, we must destroy everything else. Don't take anything. If you take anything and bring it into our camp, you yourselves will be destroyed, and you will cause trouble for the rest of our people.

19 All the things made from silver, gold, bronze, and iron belong to the Lord. They must be put in the Lord's treasury."

Joshua 7:10-11

The Lord said to Joshua, "Why are you down there with your face on the ground? Stand up!

11 The Israelites sinned against me. They have broken the agreement that I commanded them to obey. They took some of the things that I commanded them to destroy. They have stolen from me. They have lied. They have taken those things for themselves.

20 feet from stardom.

The documentary 20 Feet from Stardom examines the under-appreciated contributions back-up singers have made to the songs that have been the soundtrack to our lives.

They are not the headlining artist.

They are not the drawing card.

They don't make the money the star makes.

They don't have the fame and name of the star.

They are 20 feet from all the fame and fortune.

They see the same crowd, experience the same feeling and vibe of the performance, but still 20 feet from stardom.

So close to the front of the stage, but back far enough not to be the headlining star.

How many times have I seen this in the church?

So close to commitment but far enough back that you never commit.



Great possibilities, but never live at their God-given potential.

You owe Him a level of commitment.

It's wrong to think you're going to give an offering and God's going to bless a life that's not committed.

Bless a marriage you're not committed to.

Bless you, in school, and you won't study.

Bless you, as a saint of God, and you won't walk like a saint of God.

Who do you think God is?

God is not a slot machine.

God is a definite guarantee: I Am!

He told Abraham, I swear, I'm going to bless you.

There's no chance, there's no doubt, there's no joke about it.

If I told you I would bless thee, then I will open the windows of heaven and bless you.

Maybe you wonder why you're not further than you are. Let me tell you why.

It's not the devil, it's not witches, it's not demons, and it sure is not haters.

You are no further than where you are right now because you have never thrown your whole self at anything.

You half commit, you half sell out, you half live holy, you half walk the Christian life.

You half live for God.

You half give your tithes.

You half talk, holy.

You half lead your department.

You half worship on Sunday.

You half engage during service.



You almost get there but can never pull the chair up all the way because you won't commit 100%

If you take a half-committed man and a half-committed woman and put them together, they'll have some half-committed kids, and the whole house will be half-committed because children will be what they see.

Stop fussing at your kids; they are a reflection of you.

You have to believe in the we and us and not the me and the you, or you won't make it. It's a commitment; it's not a feeling.

You have to come home when you're in love, and you have to come home when you're not in love.

You have to go to work when you feel like it and when you don't feel like it.

You have to come to church when you feel like it and when you don't.

It's called commitment. It's not called feelings.

Most don't want to hear the absolute truth.

You want to hear fairy tale Hollywood, shake and bake stuff.

But in reality, it's a commitment.

This generation we live in is afraid of commitment.

Commitment takes guts; commitment takes energy; commitment takes perseverance.

Consequences of not fully committed.



Joshua 7:3-5 -ERV

Later, the men came back to Joshua. They said, "Ai is a weak area. We will not need all of our people to defeat them. **Send 2000 or 3000** men to fight there. There is no need to use the whole army. There are only a few men there to fight against us." So about **3000 men went** to Ai, but the people of **Ai killed about 36 men of Israel**. And the Israelites ran away. The people of Ai chased them from the city gates all the way to the quarries. The **people of Ai beat** them badly. When the people from Israel saw this, they became very frightened and lost their courage.

Acts 26:28 Agrippa is almost persuaded.

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Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.