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To Joan Olsen

Don't take shortcuts. A shortcut takes you *from*, not *to*, your destination. The Lord showed me a picture of a person who tried to take a shortcut by crossing the railroad tracks. Well, there was no crossing. The car was stuck on the tracks, and at some point, a train was coming. This person would have to flee to preserve their life. And they would have to leave behind something of value.

The lesson is to not take a shortcut or create your own path. This only leads to loss and delay. Do not try to make your own crossings in order to make things happen faster than God has ordained. When we take the path into our own hands, we lose God's direction.

Instead, walk each minute away each day on the path the Lord has prepared for you. His word will be a lamp to your feet and a light to your path. Every crossing will be prepared for you and the destination will be Jesus arms. Yes, don't take shortcuts.