

With Your Whole Heart

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Luke 9:51-62

Why did Jesus say to the would-be disciple that he couldn't go take care of his family? Jesus seems to be alluding to a story from 1 Kings 19:19-21 when Elijah saw his protégé Elisha plowing with his oxen. Elijah went up to him and put a cloak around him. Elisha immediately left the plow and followed after Elijah. Elisha asked Elijah if he could say goodbye to his family. Elijah said yes, so Elisha went home.

The disciples of Jesus would have understood that their decision to follow Jesus would not give them the same comforts to go home like Elijah allowed Elisha before starting their journey.

The Kingdom of God requires of us to keep moving forward, not to live in the past. The past beckon us to return, but Jesus' call is to press on toward the finish line. It is time to pick up our cross and follow after Him, no matter the cost!

Are there things holding you back from following Jesus wholeheartedly?

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