DON’T KEEP LOOKING BACK

Luke 9:57-62

:58 The Complete Jewish Bible says, “but the Son of Man has no home of his own.” Yeshua had a place with his mother, brothers, and sisters, Matt.13:55-58, Mark 6:3, and he stayed at times with Miryam, Martha, and El’azar, Luke 10:38-42, Yohanan/John 12:1-2, and with Kepha and his wife, Matt. 8:14-15, and I am sure with the other disciples at times. Yeshua and his disciples are on the road most of the time making other disciples; are you sure you want to do this? He just wanting the man to consider that you must put his ministry above all else, be completely sold out to Yeshua.

:60 Yeshua did not tell this man that he could not go to the funeral of his dad; but let the ones that bury the dead do it. Lev. 21:1-4, 10-12 Num. 19:11, Eze.44:25-26 For this law was at this time. So instead of waiting seven days to go to preach and do my great works, let the under-taker bury the dead and you go and preach my upper-taking good news afterward.

:62 Again Yeshua did not tell this man that he could not go and tell his loved one’s farewell. These men that said that they would follow him, He was just speaking to them as; “have you counted the cost?” Yeshua will not have a people that keeps looking back and not keeping their eyes on the goal ahead. He used the term of one that is plowing, and he keeps looking back he will have rows of whatever he is planting so crooked and would be so messed up and look so bad and would not get as much planted as he could by keeping eyes on the goal and have straight even rows and have more planted. He would be a great failure, all because he kept looking back. I will say it this way, “No one having put his hands to the work of his kingdom and keeps looking back to the world from where he came from, is fit for the kingdom of Elohim.

Remember Lott’s wife, she looked back and lost everything that mattered in life. Luke 17:32, Gen. 19:17, 26 Too many start out with and for Yeshua, but their hearts and minds are still in this world, so they keep looking back, lose sight of the goal of Yeshua and heaven, and then go back to this sinful world. Our wonderful Yahweh Elohim cannot and will not bless a people that keeps looking back, and that wants to go back to being a slave, servant to Satan and this world. Rom. 6:16 Yahweh Elohim wants a family of sons with his only born Son Yeshua. Rom. 8:14-19, 29, Luke 20:36, sons of his resurrection, as he is looking at our spirits and not our bodies, only our bodies are male and female, Gal. 3:26-29, 4:6, Yohanan 8:34-36 Being Yahweh’s son is better than being his servant!

If we will not believe Yahweh Yahshua for our future, we will go through life always looking back. And we will in no way please our Elohim and Savior in this way of no faith. For with no faith, we will never please Him. Heb.11:6 He gave all a measure of his great faith to use for his glory. Rom. 12:3 When he came in flesh and blood, he was looking for his great faith and found none. Mark 4:40, then he found a little faith. Matt. 6:30, 14:31, 16:8 He found acting faith for others. Matt. 9:1-2, 23-26 and for self. Matt. 9:20-22,27-29 Then he found great faith! Matt. 8:10, 15:28 Yahshua wonders when he comes again, will he find faith on the earth? Luke18:8 Too many Christians are going down the road of life with a rear-view mirror bigger than their windshield. Their unbelief has them looking back to their past too much, and not keeping their eyes on the goal, Yeshua. They don’t believe that Yahshua will take care of them today; and can’t see that he has in the past. They have the same spirit that was in the people at the Tower of Babel. They kept looking back and looking to themselves for their own salvation. They were building their own way to heaven, just as most of this world is doing today with all their many ways. Gen. 11:1-4 Doing it all their way. The theme song of hell. I did it my way.

KEEP LOOKING AHEAD

Phil. 3:13-14 Yeshua wants his people to be looking ahead; not looking back.

Our life is ahead of us. Our home is ahead of us. Our future is ahead of us. Our Bridegroom is ahead of us. Our eternal life is ahead of us. Yeshua told us where to go and how to get there. The gate, the way and work to get there is straight and narrow. Matt. 7:13-14 He also said that the narrow gate and the difficult way would not be easy, but leads to eternal life, and so few finds it, or takes it. From the days of Yohanan, the baptizer to now, the kingdom of heaven endured violent assault, and the violent ones seize it with zeal and intense exertion. Matt. 11:12

We have enemies, our flesh, the world, and Saw-tan. And our flesh is our worst enemy. If we overcome our flesh; overcoming Saw-tan and the world will be easier. Rom. 7:18-20, 24-25, Gal. 5: 17, 19-21, 16, 18, 22-25 Obeying these scriptures we will be more than conquerors through Yeshua our Messiah and Deliverer. So, then submit, subject your all to Elohim, resist the devil and his evil wicked ways and he will flee from you. Ya’aqob/James 4:7 You do not need the Holy Ghost to do this. Throughout my life before I got the Holy Ghost, I was tempted to do wrong and did not do it. Being full of his Holy Spirit and you will live in heavenly places in him. Eph. 2:6 Sha’ul/Paul likens our living in Yeshua and getting to our heavenly home as a race. 1 Cor. 9:24-27 And in running a race you will never, never win if you keep looking back. You have got to keep your eyes on the finish line; the goal; and pace yourself to be able to get there. In this heavenly race Yeshua and our heavenly home is our finish line, our utmost goal. In this race it is not only the first one, but to all who endure to the end. Mark 13:13, Rev. 2:26-29 All of this race of life is ahead of us; we must keep our only goal in sight and never look back on the sin of this world as Lot’s wife did; and as Sha’ul tells us to do here. Phil. 3:8-14 Live, life as he did in life’s race. Look ahead, and do not keep looking back.

And truly you will be blessed, happy, and fortunate if you finish this wonderful race of life with Yeshua. So run this race of life with JOY; and you will have everlasting JOY at the finish. Acts 20:24 Yeshua paid for our salvation with JOY. Heb.12:1-2

The only way that we can do all this is to never look back at the desire of the past; but by keeping our eyes and our desire on the finish line; the everlasting goal that is ahead. It is the Prize of the high, upward call of Elohim in Yeshua Messiah! We can finish this race of life by keeping faith; by overcoming and enduring until the end; by keeping our eyes on the finish line, the wonderful everlasting goal that is ever before us, because he who called us has and is praying for us. Yohanan 17:13-21, Heb. 7:25 Keep looking ahead, look away from this natural realm and fasten your gaze onto Yeshua who birthed faith within us and leads us forward into faith’s perfection. Heb.12:2

So, there is no reason at all why we can’t make it. People that are not living for Yeshua just do not want to. You just must have the “want to” in this life to make heaven your home. It is everyone’s choice. It is your choice to get the “want to” in this life. Yeshua, heaven, and everlasting life and joy are all ahead of us; not behind us. All that is behind us has already been lived, been spent so to speak. So, keep looking ahead and running ahead. Keep this song in your mind and spirit, “I have decided to follow Yeshua, no turning back, no turning back.” The best is yet to come! His ending is so great! It is out of this world!

REPENT, BE BATIZED IN HIS SAVING NAME, BE FILLED WITH HIS HOLY GHOST, AND KEEP LOOKING AHEAD, AND MOVING AHEAD IN Yeshua. In that day, you will be so glad that you did.

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