

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#35 – “No Reserve, No Retreat, No Regret” – Luke 9:51-62

I. Introduction

A. We all face at times pivotal course corrections.

1. Pastor Don’s experience as a young Christian.
2. Sometimes high anxiety.
 - a. Do not turn back.

B. Jesus had this experience, too.

1. Luke 9:51
 - a. A pivotal point.
 - b. He set his face to go to Jerusalem.
 1. “A stiffened face.”
 - c. Pastor Don’s experience while working on his doctorate degree.
2. Jesus’ hardest work lay ahead – Luke 9:44-45.

II. Exposition

A. Luke 9:52-53

1. Rejection was a familiar response to Christ.
 - a. Samaritan rejection.

B. Luke 9:54

1. “Sons of Thunder” desire to call fire down.
 - a. Elijah – II Kings 1:9-16

C. Luke 9:55-56

1. Variant reading on verse 55 among ESV, NASU & KJV.

D. Luke 9:57

1. This is no easy believism.
2. “I love you and have a difficult plan for your life,” Ryken.

E. Luke 9:58

1. Self-denial is intrinsic to the Christian life.
2. We must know Him as S_____ and L_____.

F. Luke 9:59-60

1. A reasonable request?
 - a. The truth is that an inheritance was in view.

G. Luke 9:61-62

1. Another reasonable request?
 - a. I Kings 19:19-21
2. Proverbial statement.
3. A divided heart cannot follow Christ – MacArthur.

III. Points for Reflection

- A. Jesus’ love for us is clearly seen in His determination to die for our sins.
- B. Never forget that being right does not give you license to be wrong.
- C. Make your plow lines straight by not looking back.