



Stay on God's Path

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READING: Luke 9

Many people wander their way through life when they should be marching on God's path and moving toward the goal, he has chosen for them. These wanderers lack both purposeful goals and godly determination. When it comes to dedication and determination, Jesus is our example.

The Gospel of Luke hinges on Luke 9:51. This verse marks the beginning of the last six months of Jesus' ministry. Jesus has fixed His eyes on one purpose - the salvation of the world. Every step Jesus takes on His journey to Jerusalem is one step closer to the cross. Not a day will pass that He does not envision the cruel cross on which He will pour out His life for ours.

Jesus walked on an appointed path and a difficult path to Jerusalem. But Jesus steadfastly held to the Father's will and, knowing what lay before Him, kept journeying toward Jerusalem. The Son of God on His way to Calvary, and there is no turning back.

Jesus looks for the same determination and obedience when it comes to how we walk our path. Jesus warns us not to get sidetracked by others' responses or distracted by lesser loyalties. Have you resolutely set your will to follow Christ? Perhaps other pursuits have taken priority. Jesus is asking, "Will you follow Me now?" Is your answer, "I will follow You, Lord, but first . . ."? Do not let those two words hinder you from accepting His call and walking the path He has for you.

PRAYER: "Father, help me walk the path You have for me in a way that glorifies You regardless of the circumstances or consequences."

TOMORROW'S READING: Luke 10

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