Bringing People To The Knowledg Of Christ



"And Jesus said unto him, no man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62).

How true it is to know that once the decision is taken to follow Jesus there should not be turning back.

I remember here prophet Elisha and the call of God over his life, "19. So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him. 20. And he left the Oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, go back again, for what have I done to thee?. 21. And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him" (I Kings 19:19-21).

Wonderful story of response of God's call! There are couple of things Elisha considered before he could follow God's call as a successor of Elijah the prophet. And I believe that every person who feels that there is a call of God over his or her life must take it seriously.

1). SURE OF GOD'S CALL. Elisha was sure that God has called him. After Elijah heard the word from God he threw his cloak over Elisha's shoulders. That was the sign that Elisha would be the successor of Elijah after him. Elisha understood the call of God over his life and he was sure of that call. First thing he did that he did not immediately followed Elijah but took time. I believe he took time to set everything in order before he could follow. And I am sure that he prayerfully sorted out those things he supposed he needed to sort out.

2). HE REALIZED THE PRICE TO BE PAID. The Elisha realized the price he had to pay. He knew that once he takes the step of following God's call over his life there is no **TURNING BACK!** Elisha did marvelous thing before he could completely follow the LORD. "21. And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto people, and they did eat."

Oh, my what a blessed thing Elisha did! He got cut off from all that could hold him back from following God's call over his life. He slew oxen, boiled their meat with the instrument (he burned his plow), gave big party to his villagers, they enjoyed eating meat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

What are the things holding you back for obeying Him today? What He is telling you today to do? Prayerfully and in the worship attitude towards Him **BURN YOUR PLOW** and obey Him completely realizing that there is **NO TURNING BACK ONCE YOU PUT YOUR HAND TO THE PLOUGH!**

I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS, NO TURNING BACK, NO TURNING BACK!

May our good Lord continue to bless you and your family! Prema and I love you so dearly and pray for you daily! Write us for we love to hear from you!

Remember <u>Jesus is Lord</u> and take with you <u>the Word of God and Faith</u>, excellent traveling Companions. (Psalms 119:105; II Corinthians 5:7).

