

Finish Up!

Reflection: Luke 9:57-62

God chooses those the world calls foolish, rejected, useless, weak, poor, uneducated or insignificant in every sense of the word (1 Corinthians 1:26-28). Spend some time to look into the respective backgrounds of those who consistently do great things for Him, and you will find this is true. God chooses such people so that no one would boast before Him and attempt to take His glory.

However, because the same True God does as He pleases in Heaven and on earth, He can, in His infinite mercies, choose to give you a chance to be used of Him even if you are of noble birth, strong, wise, wealthy, famous, or have all the education in the world. However, He may need to strip you of some things, first. You will be humbled.

Now, not many are willing to be humbled – they are not ready to part with the things they believe are rightfully theirs and make the sacrifice to be used of God; otherwise, every born-again Christian would be an instrument in the hands of God, today. Some of us still want to flow with the world. As soon as God puts us through fire to be refined, and we face inevitable trials, we flee and deny our calling. This is when we start to look for a way out and question our calling.

"Maybe I was not called", we say. Family and friends who have no clues about the things of God, and certainly have no business with Him, may then suggest that we *shut it down*: "You should *shut it down* and find something better to do" they'll say. It may surprise you to know that these self-appointed counselors will be the ones to scorn and call you a failure if you cease to remain focused, and "*shut it down*" as they advised. A known fact!

The Lord did call you if you got the ball rolling in the first place, beloved. Stay committed, and finish up (Luke 9:62). May we be guided!

Shalom!