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Look Who's Here!

*“No one who puts his hand to the plow
and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”
Luke 9:62*

Jesus Seems Unpleasant Here

In Luke 9:57-62, where the saying cited above is found, Jesus seems to say to one person, "you are not tough enough to follow me," to another, "just forget about your family and come along if you are going to follow me," and to a third person, "you have to decide right now to follow me or not. If not, then just forget about it." At least that is what it seems like when we read this section a little more closely. Jesus seems to be calling for a radical, no turning back decision. Of course, He actually does put such a call on our lives. What we think He is saying may depend more on our own view of following Jesus than what He is actually saying. It is easy for many of us to sometimes think Jesus harshly demands that we get our lives completely straightened out before we anything with church or the Christian life.

With Jesus All The Time

When He refers to putting one's hand to the plow and not looking back I think He is saying we do not have to get everything in order before we live a Christian life.

The idea is to keep connected to Jesus all the time because He is always with you anyway. Like a perfect wifi router Jesus never loses the connection with you. In fact, there are two people present wherever you go: Jesus and you. You do not have to get everything right, wait for the right time, or make sure "your ducks are in a row" before you do anything with Jesus. Look for Him in the middle of your life all the time. God is good all the time, right? You can be lost, confused, weary, under the weather or the circumstances, in a dark place, or just in a bad mood and you can connect with Him. He is saying to us, "No matter what I am always with you, just look for me." The same is true for your friends. They may seem far away from God, but God is right there. Now is the best time to connect with Jesus, pray for a friend, be a blessing to someone, or invite them to come along with you to something, and generally follow Him wherever He is going.

Coming Attractions

Sunday, June 30, 2013 Worship at 10:00am. Sermon Topic: Just the Right Time

Wednesday, June 3, 2013 Vestry meeting at 6:00pm

Sunday, July 7, 2013 People of the Way Book Study after worship. The book study group continues. The first session was very well attended and engaging. If

you missed the first session you are still very welcome at the next session and encouraged to attend. We will be discussing chapters 2 and 3 of People of the Way.

Centerville Circle of Prayer

Please pray for Centerville Auto Care. Tim and Ken are the owners. This business has been in Centerville for less than one month. Please pray that they may have increased business and develop loyal customers.

Metro Richmond at Prayer

Please pray for the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond especially for the volunteers who minister in jails and prisons.

Save the Dates:

October 5, 2013 Blessing of the Animals

October 13, 2013 Celebration of a New Ministry

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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