

## What Kind of Spirit are You Of?

Last week we mentioned how Jesus was determined to go to Jerusalem to accomplish His mission of salvation for all. We also talked about how we should also be determined to follow Him. *No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God (Luke 9:62)*. I want to highlight some examples of what this looks like in the immediate context of Luke 9.

On His way to Jerusalem, a Samaritan village would not let Him stay. They were against the fact that He was headed for Jerusalem. The disciples responded in anger wanting to call on God to destroy the village. Jesus rebuked them saying, *“You do not know what kind of spirit you are of; for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives, but to save them. (Luke 9:56)*. How we respond to people is dependent on what kind of spirit we are of?

Here we have people of another race and religion who are refusing Jesus because of His faith. The disciples respond with a worldly spirit. “How dare they? That isn’t right. We deserve consistency and fairness. They deserve punishment!” Jesus responds with the Spirit of God. He doesn’t call for their punishment but for their salvation. He knows He is heading to the place where they will be saved, Golgotha.

How quickly the disciples forget. They already forgot the words of Jesus. *“And as for those who do not receive you, as you go out from that city, shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them (Luke 9:5).”* Often it was a literal shaking off dust; other times it was more figurative.

What kind of spirit are you of? How do you deal with those who hate you and hate the Spirit of God within you? Do you shake the dust off your feet and keep marching towards the cross, or do you get bogged down in dealing with everyone who wrongs you? What spirit do you have? Do you have the spirit of the world or the Spirit of God?

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