

Don't Go Back

Luke 9:57-62

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We tend to define ourselves and others according to time and place. For instance, we're Baby-boomers, Generation Xers, Northerners, Southerners, Easterners, Westerners, American, etc. Yet, when we are added to God's kingdom, those definitions fall away. No longer are we imprisoned by this world and its limitations. We become a part of God's eternal family . . . God's faithful people in the past and all His obedient people in the future. It is God's eternal family, a heavenly family unbound in time and space.

Still day-to-day events sometimes prompt us to run back into the very shackles of our old identities. We may easily return to attitudes and things that reflect our "old self." An angry word . . . a discouraging remark . . . or a bitter look remind us of our past. We don't want the old ways to define us. God offers freedom from our old nature. He is the well-spring of abundant life. He continues His work in us today.

Brethren, let us be careful, prayerful, and committed to not going back to the old self from which Christ cleansed us and set us free. If you have, there is a way back to faithfulness . . . Take it!

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