

Jesus was going to Jerusalem in order to \_\_DIE\_\_ on the \_\_CROSS\_\_.

### **LUKE 9**

*51As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. 52And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; 53but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. 54When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" 55But Jesus turned and rebuked them, 56and they went to another village.*

The village people refused to accept Jesus because He was going somewhere they \_\_REFUSED TO GO\_\_.

Jesus-followers are \_\_CORRECTED\_\_ as a part of the following process.

Salvation is free, it costs you nothing.  
Following Jesus will cost you something.

God's design always involves \_\_TOTAL COMMITMENT\_\_.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

...You are not your own; you were bought with a price....

When we hold back, then the best we can expect is \_\_PIECES\_\_ of God's plan in our lives.

Trust is essential because without it we lose sight on what we gain with our relationship with God:

1. Salvation from \_\_SIN'S PENALTY\_\_.
2. Salvation from \_\_SIN'S GRIP\_\_.

"The average person has the right to dream his own dreams and develop his own picture of what his future could and should be. But at the cross, those of us who have sworn allegiance to the Savior lost that right. After all, we are not our own, we have been bought with a price."

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**57**As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

**58**Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." **59**He said to another man, "Follow me." But the man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." **60**Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." **61** Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family." **62**Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks

back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

Guy #1 : \_\_COMFORT\_\_ Excuse

Our COMFORT is not God's primary concern; it is our DEVELOPMENT.

Guy #2: \_\_DELAY\_\_ Excuse

Our DELAY hints at the real nature of our motives.

Guy #3: \_\_FAMILY\_\_ Excuse

The best honoring we can do for our FAMILIES is to honor God,

Our excuses keep us from experiencing the freedom we are offered when we fully trust and follow Jesus:

1. Free to \_\_BE WHO\_\_ we were made to \_\_BE\_\_.
2. Free to \_\_DO WHAT\_\_ we were made to \_\_DO\_\_.

Never give in—never, never, never, never, in nothing great or small, large or petty, never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense. Never yield to force; never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy."

Winston Churchill, 1941, address at Harrow School.