Certainty... in a world of doubt

"Fully Devoted" Luke 9:18-27, 51-62

Desert Breeze exists to help unchurched people become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. We believe that full devotion to Christ (God's Glory) and fullness of life (Our Satisfaction) are one in the same pursuit (John10:10b, 17:3). There is a quantity and quality of life that is found in Christ that cannot be found anywhere else!

What does it mean to be a fully devoted follower of Christ? It is about finding a new...

- 1) Purpose (Meaning/Significance) vv18-27 (G1) V24 "Life" = Gr. "psyche" inner life
 - You can't live without purpose. Eccl 3:11
 - You must die to your old way to finding your purpose. vv24-25
 - You were created to enjoy the riches of God's glory. Vv26-27; Col 1:16; 1Cor 10:31
 - Christ gives us a purpose that the worst suffering can't take ٠ and all the success in this world can't give. Vv18-22; 1Pet1:8
- 2) Priority (Values/Practices) vv57-62 (G2)
 - Your relationship with Christ must be your priority over money, career, comfort, parents, family, etc. or you're not His disciple.
 - Failure to put Christ 1st means that you have a certain amount of spiritual deadness. V60
 - "Where your treasure is, there will your heart (thoughts/ emotions/actions) be also."-Matthew 6:21: Pro 2:1-6
- 3) Passion (Love/Mercy) vv51-56 (G3 & G4) Luke 12:49-50
 - Jesus came to be immersed in the fire of God's judgment for us. John 3:16-17; 1John 2:2, 4:10

The more you are melted and amazed by His sacrificial love for you, the more you will have this new purpose, priority and passion for Christ.

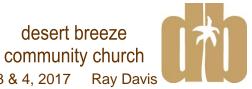
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People saved by grace will be profoundly humble people, who are not overbearing, self-righteous, opinionated, or insensitive, but loving, empathetic, forgiving, understanding and sensitive.

This new purpose, priority and passion will be a lifelong journey for every true believer in Jesus Christ for God's glory. (G5)

Growing Notes

- 1) What is the Fullness of Life that Jesus came to give us and what does it mean to be Fully Devoted Followers of Jesus Christ? How is Fullness of Life and Full Devotion to Christ one in the same pursuit?
- 2) Read Luke 9:18-27, 51-62. What stands out to you from this text? Review the points under Full Devotion to Christ is About Finding a New Purpose (vv18-27). How does Jesus address the philosophy of life so prevalent in our culture today: "Follow your heart, be true to yourself, find out what you really want and do it"? What did Jesus say would be the results (vv24-25)?
- 3) Review the points under Full Devotion to Christ is About Finding a New Priority (vv57-62). How would you know if someone's relationship with Christ is the highest priority of their life? Failure to put Christ 1st means you have a certain amount of spiritual deadness going on in your life (v60). Explain. What does it mean that Where Your Treasure is, There Your Heart Will Be Also (Matt 6:21)?
- 4) Review the points under Full Devotion to Christ is About Finding a New Passion (vv51-56). What does it mean that Jesus came to be immersed in God's fire of judgment for us? How does that transform us? Why would a person saved by grace be a person characterized by love, empathy, forgiveness, understanding and sensitivity? What is your next step in becoming more fully devoted to Christ? Pray.



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