

13th Sunday Ordinary Time C

- Jesus says “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the KOG”
 - Preston Moss was a convert
 - Then he became a priest
 - His mother said “Son you’ve set your hand to the plow, now leave it there”
- Today’s readings are about following God’s call – not looking back
 - Elisha was plowing with 12 yoke of oxen when Elijah calls him
 - “Wait till I say goodbye to my parents”
 - Then he has the biggest BBQ ever – 24 ox in the pot!
 - He’s heard the call – but he’s looking back
- Jesus is going to Jerusalem – “resolutely determined” not distracted
 - There will be no excuses
 - He can’t be bothered by Samaritans that don’t accept Him
 - He doesn’t have time to indulge James & John with lightning
 - He needs only 1 thing – loyal followers to proclaim the Kingdom after His Mission is complete

We can all look back our life and see a list of should-haves & excuses
But looking back doesn’t get us anywhere NOW

How is Jesus calling you NOW
How can I be a better Christian TODAY
How can I be a better father, mother, son, daughter, TODAY

- Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem – to Golgatha – to our redemption
 - Now we draw closer to His 2nd coming – to the New Jerusalem
 - Jesus calls us to become a new creation
 - To love on another – to love enemies – to forgive – to grow KOG
 - Jesus is calling us – and if we are willing we CAN grow KOG
 - Preston Moss’ mother speaks to us
 - “Son you’ve set your hand to the plow, now leave it there”