

# Looking Back...

## Jesus' Teaching – Luke 9:57-62

Many were willing to follow Jesus. (Matt. 4:18-21; 9:9; John 1:43-45; Luke 18:18-23)

Yet these men looked back.

(Luke 9:57-62; Matt. 10:34-39)

We as Christians must make sacrifices.

#### Lot's Wife – Gen. 19:12-29

Sodom and Gomorrah faced punishment for their sins. (Gen. 18:20, 21; 19:4, 5; Jude 7; 2 Peter 2:6-8)

Yet Lot's wife looked back.

(Gen. 19:12-29; 12:4-6; 13:10-13)

Because she looked back, she was punished. (Gen. 19:26, 17; Luke 17:28-33)

## Complaining Israel – Num. 11

From peace to persecution to provision. (Exo. 1:8-22; 2:23-25; 3:7-10; 16:11-16, 31; Josh. 5:12)

Yet Israel, dissatisfied with manna, looked back. (Num. 11:1-6; Heb. 13:5; Prov. 15:17)

Because they looked back, they were punished. (Num. 11:10-15, 18-20, 31-34)

## The Prodigal Son – Luke 15:11-32

A young man ready for his inheritance. (Luke 15:11-13)

Yet he looked back to his home. (Luke 15:13-19)

Because he looked back, he went home. (Luke 15:20-23)

#### What Paul Does – Phil. 3:12-14

From sinner and persecutor, to preacher and brother. (Acts 8:1-3; 9:20-22)

Yet he never looks back.

(Phil. 3:12-14, 3-6; Matt. 27:3-5; 7:21-23)

Because he never looked back, his eyes were set on Jesus. (Heb. 12:1, 2; Phil. 1:21)