

Luke 9:37-62 – How failing followers can get ‘fit’ for the Kingdom

Key Idea – ‘Fit followers’ are seeing the Mega-Power Majesty of God’s safe passage *exodus* leader who has given his all to save an unbelieving and unable humanity. God’s servant is worthy of your ‘all’ in your service of Him having given his all to save us.

... when you feel like your ‘failing’ ...

9:37-43 SEEING the ‘mega-power’ authority of Jesus to save an ‘un-believing’ and ‘un-able’ humanity

And all were astonished at the majesty of God.(v43)

9:44-62 When Jesus followers fail to see Jesus clearly

vv43b-45 What blind disciples need to see clearly

vv46-50 posturing, position, power ...

vv49-50 people, provincialism and preaching in his name then ...

9:51-62 The ‘Crux’ of Jesus for ‘fit’ followers

V51 Jesus’ *flint faced* commitment for Jerusalem

*The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.
I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.
But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore **I have set my face like a flint,**
and I know that I shall not be put to shame. (Isaiah 50:5-7)*

vv52-56 Jesus correction in light of his Cross

vv57-62 Jesus clarity in light of his Cross

vv57-58 ... count the cost

vv59-60 ... why preaching the cross must matter most

vv61-62 ... the heart of fit followers

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us” - A.W Tozer

*If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he also will deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself (2Timothy 2:11-13)*