

ON THE WAY TO THE CROSS

Part 1

WHAT'S THE MODEL

- Who are you following?
 1. Parents
 2. Famous people
 3. Internet influencers and experts
- There is a better model **(John 8:12 NKJV)**
 1. His heart, motive, purpose, strength
 2. Shoot high and miss rather than shoot low and hit

JESUS ON THE WAY TO THE CROSS (Luke 9:51-56 NKJV)

- Jesus made the determination to follow God's plan for Him
 1. He knew what was facing Him in Jerusalem
 2. He set Himself - set His face indicates a resolve
- Jesus did not respond on the level of those who rejected Him
 1. Nor did He agree to James and John's response
 2. He did not react to the pressure of the problem He was facing
- Jesus never lost sight of His purpose
 1. He knew why He was on the earth - to save, not destroy
 2. His purpose was bigger than His problem

LESSONS ON THE WAY TO THE CROSS

- Make quality decisions to follow God's plan
 1. Not because it's easy but because it's right
 2. Following Jesus means making Christ-like decisions **(Luke 9:23-24 NLT)**
- Respond to people on a higher level
 1. It's way too easy to react
 2. We can respond on a higher level because that's who we are
 3. Responding with heaven's wisdom **(James 3:17 NKJV)**
- A bigger purpose makes the problems smaller
 1. When it's all about you something is always happening
 2. Looking out for #1 - it's time for a new #1 **(2 Corinthians 5:15 NKJV)**