

SETTING UP THE STORY

Have you ever sacrificed something in pursuit of a goal or a dream?

Think about the following scenarios that require sacrifice:

- A runner has to consistently get up early and sacrifice time and energy when they're training for a marathon.
- Someone looking to lose some weight may have to give up their favorite foods.
- When we want to do well on a test, we may need to spend time studying instead of playing video games, spending time with friends, or scrolling through social media.

So many people have big things they want to accomplish in life, but they never quite do them because the road to get there is hard. We love comfort and hate conflict, and we're sinfully hard-wired to take the path of least resistance.

Thankfully, when it came time for Jesus to travel to Jerusalem and accomplish the mission His Father gave Him, He didn't run away from the pain that awaited Him.

Jesus knew what was going to happen. He knew people would reject and mock Him. He knew His friends would deny and betray Him. He knew His body would be beaten beyond human recognition. And, He knew that He would receive all of God's wrath upon the sins of God's people.

Despite knowing all of this, Jesus set His face toward Jerusalem anyway – because He knew what was on the other side. He was willing to go through all of this because He loved His people so much and knew this was the only way they could be safe from God's wrath and enjoy life with Him forever.

READING THE WORD

Read Luke 9:51-53.

DISCUSSING THE WORD

Use the questions below to discuss the passage you just read together.

For families with kids (up to 5th grade)

1. Jesus knew saving us would be hard, but He did it anyway. How does that make you feel when you think about that?

2. Why is it important that we spend time remembering what Jesus did for us?

For adults and students (6th-12th grades)

1. How does Jesus' obedience in suffering encourage you in your own struggles?
2. If Jesus had to sacrifice a lot on the way to saving us, what does that tell us about what we'll experience when we follow Him?
3. What about Jesus and the life He offers us makes Him worth following, no matter the cost?

FAMILY WORSHIP SONG

[Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus](#) or [Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me](#)

LIVE SENT: PRAY FOR GOSPEL OPPORTUNITIES

Pray together and ask God to show you someone in your life you can engage with the Gospel. This could be anyone (neighbors, coworkers, classmates, teammates, etc.). Have everyone in your family do this!

Once you've thought of someone, write their name down somewhere in your home (post-it note, refrigerator, etc.). Then, spend a few moments praying for these people every day this week. Make some time this week to walk around your neighborhood/community together and ask God to open doors for clear, Christ-centered conversations.

CLOSING BLESSING

Speak this blessing over your family/group to close:

*May you fix your eyes on Jesus,
run your race with endurance,
and trust in His perfect love.
Amen.*