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ENTERING THE SCENE:

The caption reads “the cities along the way”. As we move into the heart of Luke’s gospel we find Jesus “setting his face to go to Jerusalem” (9:51). The disciples get their marching orders and off they go. When they return Jesus warns them that sometimes the feedback we get can be deceiving. People flatter and fawn. The disciples are in danger of getting excited for the wrong reasons. So Jesus pulls them back, reminding them about Who it is they are finally serving and how much this service must flow from a close relationship with the father (Lk. 10:20). We too, must always keep in mind whose we are and what the Father calls us to do. Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world’s grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it. - The Talmud (Echoing Micah 6:8.)

Lk. 10 After this the Lord appointed **seventy** others and sent them on ahead of him in **pairs** to every town and place where he himself

intended to go. ² He said to them, “The **harvest** is plentiful, but the **laborers** are few; therefore ask the Lord of the **harvest** to send out **laborers** into his **harvest**. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like **lambs** into the midst of **wolves**. ⁴ Carry no **purse**, no **bag**, no **sandals**; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever **house** you enter, first say, ‘**Peace** to this **house**!’ ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in **peace**, your **peace** will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same **house**, **eating and drinking whatever they provide**, for the **laborer** deserves to be paid. Do not move about from **house** to **house**. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, **eat what is set before you**; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘**The kingdom of God has come near to you**.’ ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they **do not welcome you**, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we **wipe off in protest** against you. Yet know this: the **kingdom of God has come near**.’ ¹² I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for **Sodom** than for that town. ¹³ “

(Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴ But at the judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades.)

¹⁶ “Whoever listens to you **listens** to me, and whoever **rejects** you **rejects** me, and whoever **rejects** me **rejects** the one who sent me.”

¹⁷ The **seventy** returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the **demons submit** to us!” ¹⁸ He said to them, “I watched **Satan fall** from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ See, I have given you **authority to tread** on **snakes** and **scorpions**, and over all the power of the **enemy**; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not **rejoice** at this, that the spirits submit to you, but **rejoice** that your names are written in heaven.”

DISCUSSION QUESTION: We have been sent out with only our faith and your companion. How long do you think it would take either of us to summon the courage to knock on that first door?

PRAYER: where are you going i asked / to places I have never been / was the answer / what do you plan to do i asked / my purpose will be evident at the journey’s end / who has planned your itinerary i asked / its plan will be revealed at time most untimely / why would you consent to such a vague plan i said / i accepted the challenge / when i accepted life was the answer.

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