



Real Power *Luke 9:37-62*

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Deuteronomy 32:35

Excuses for not following Jesus: *Luke 9:57-62*

1. Not counting the real cost.
2. Not making discipleship a priority.
3. Not making a firm decision.

Questions True Disciples ask:

How do we tell our power from God's?

Where is the source of the power (are we doing it or God)?

Where is the focus of the power (benefits me or benefits others)?

What is the result of the power (glory to self or glory to God)?

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Luke 9:37-42 NLT The next day, after they had come down the mountain, a large crowd met Jesus. ³⁸ A man in the crowd called out to Him, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, my only child. ³⁹ An evil spirit keeps seizing him, making him scream. It throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It batters him and hardly ever leaves him alone. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast out the spirit, but they couldn't do it."

⁴¹ Jesus said, “You faithless and corrupt people! How long must I be with you and put up with you?” Then He said to the man, “Bring your son here.” ⁴² As the boy came forward, the demon knocked him to the ground and threw him into a violent convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the evil spirit and healed the boy. Then He gave him back to his father.

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Luke 9:43-45 NLT Awe gripped the people as they saw this majestic display of God’s power. While everyone was marveling at everything He was doing, Jesus said to His disciples, ⁴⁴ “Listen to me and remember what I say. The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of His enemies.” ⁴⁵ But they didn’t know what He meant. Its significance was hidden from them, so they couldn’t understand it, and they were afraid to ask Him about it.

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Luke 9:46-48 NLT Then His disciples began arguing about which of them was the greatest. ⁴⁷ But Jesus knew their thoughts, so He brought a little child to His side. ⁴⁸ Then He said to them, “Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me also welcomes my Father who sent me. Whoever is the least among you is the greatest.”

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Luke 9:51-56 NLT As the time drew near for Him to ascend to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. ⁵² He sent messengers ahead to a Samaritan village to prepare for His arrival. ⁵³ But the people of the village did not welcome Jesus because He was on His way to Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When James and John saw this, they said to Jesus, “Lord, should we call down fire from heaven to burn them up?” ⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ So they went on to another village.

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Deuteronomy 32:35 NLT I will take revenge; I will pay them back. In due time their feet will slip. Their day of disaster will arrive, and their destiny will overtake them.’

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Luke 9:57-62 NLT As they were walking along, someone said to Jesus, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸ But Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place even to lay His head.” ⁵⁹ He said to another person, “Come, follow me.” The man agreed, but he said, “Lord, first let me return home and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ But Jesus told him, “Let the spiritually dead bury their own dead! Your duty is to go and preach about the Kingdom of God.” ⁶¹ Another said, “Yes, Lord, I will follow you, but first let me say good-bye to my family.” ⁶² But Jesus told him, “Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God.”

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Discipleship leads to:

**Self sacrifice
God promotion
Acceptance
Grace**

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