

MOVE ON

“Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, ‘The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you.’ Yet know this: the kingdom of God is at hand.” (Luke 10:10-11)

To have a fuller understanding of the Scripture verses mentioned above, we have to take it in its full context. Our Lord sent His disciples to different villages to proclaim the good news. He encouraged them to move from one village to another and not be discouraged if they fail in their efforts. His reason is expressed in Luke 10:2, “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.”

As individuals and as one community in Christ, we too are encouraged to spread His words and His love to all. Let us continue on our journey to seek those who are living in darkness so they too, may feel the joy of a close relationship with our Lord and Savior. As we do His will, let us shake off the “dusts” of failure, struggles, trials, pains, and disappointments. And on our way to Jericho, let us not take another route just to avoid the opportunities and the related difficulties in helping and reaching out to others.

Sometimes, we are paralyzed by failure or simply by the thought of it. We need to realize that our inaction for fear of failure is worse than failing to accomplish the goal that we set forth, especially when we are doing God’s will. Let us have the initiative and courage to start and complete our work. As abundant as the harvest, are the tasks that lie ahead of us.

The modern amenities in life make our job a lot easier than the early disciples. They walked to go from one village to another, carried nothing with them as they performed God’s work. Yet, they rejoiced at the completion of their tasks, for love of God and others. We no longer have to work as they did, but we can learn from their sacrifices and put as much love in doing God’s will. All it takes is our willingness to serve Him and to take the lead as we go His way.

As disciples of Christ, we are encouraged to “move on” even in times of failure; to continue on our mission even when we stumble; to finish the race when we are grasping for breath. For at the finish line, the glory of the kingdom of heaven awaits those who persevere.

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