

No Turning Back

Abraham

- **Genesis 22:1&2** God tells Abraham to offer up his son, Isaac, as a burnt offering!
- **Genesis 22:3** Abraham gets up early in the morning to obey God's command!
- **Genesis 22:9&10** And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.
- Abraham did not turn back!

Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego

- **Daniel 3:8-12** Chaldeans tell on Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.
- **Daniel 3:13-15** Nebuchadnezzar gives them another chance.
- **Daniel 3:16-18** Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we *are* not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be *so*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did not turn back!

Peter

- **Matthew 4:19** And he saith unto them, **Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.**
- **Mark 14:30-31** Peter's denial foretold
- **Mark 14:66-72** Peter denies Christ 3 times
- Peter turned back

Let's Get Personal

- Christianity is a commitment
- When serving God seems to be unbearable, we must not turn back!
- When serving God hurts, we must not turn back!
- **Romans 6:16** Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

- Then God will be glorified!

WHERE ARE THE NINE?

LUKE 17:11-19 And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: And they lifted up *their* voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw *them*, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on *his* face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where *are* the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

Let's Make It Personal

-----And it came to pass, as he went to prepare us a place, that he passed through the midst of a sinful and dying world. And as he entered into a perverse and crooked nation, there met him a world of sinners, which stood afar off: And they lifted up *their* voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw *them*, he said unto them, repent and be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. And it came to pass, that, as they obeyed the Gospel, they were forgiven of all their sins. And some of them, when they saw that they were forgiven, with a loud voice, glorified God, and fell down on *their* face at his feet, giving him thanks. And Jesus answering said, Were there not more cleansed? But where *are* they?