



## Teaching Notes for "Burn the Ships - Pt 1"

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Today's Focal LifeText: **Luke 9:62** <sup>ESV</sup>

The Greek word for "**looking back**" conveys a picture of one \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ **looking back** at things that have already passed them by / that are behind them!

The **result** of a farmer "**continuously looking back**" while **plowing** is a \_\_\_\_\_ in his \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ in his fields!

So often we may hold a longing for the '**Good Ole Days**.'

"Don't long (desire / yearn for) for the '**Good Ole Days**.' This is not \_\_\_\_\_ ("It isn't (God's) \_\_\_\_\_ that leads you to ask this." <sup>NOG</sup>) **Ecclesiastes 7:10** <sup>NLT</sup>

Will Rogers, Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century American actor / newspaper columnist / social commentator once shared ...

"*Things ain't what they \_\_\_\_\_, but then they probably \_\_\_\_\_!*"

As Christians **we cannot move** \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ towards the Kingdom with our attention-focus \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ elsewhere such as on our \_\_\_\_\_! We must '**burn our ships**' so that we have **only one direction** – \_\_\_\_\_! **Proverbs 4:25** <sup>NLT</sup>

We must be **willing** to put God and the things / agenda of His Kingdom \_\_\_\_\_ above \_\_\_\_\_ other things!  
**Matthew 6:33a**

One of the inescapable themes of the Scriptures is the truth that we \_\_\_\_\_ grab hold of the \_\_\_\_\_ if we keep holding tightly (in our hearts) to the things / ways of the \_\_\_\_\_!  
**Philippians 3:13-14** <sup>NLT</sup>

Choosing the \_\_\_\_\_ God has for us is up to **US (our free will decision)** ... **SETTING** our **PAST** on **FIRE** in order to **MOVE** \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ can sometimes be **COSTLY, PAINFUL** and even **UNPLEASANT** ... but choosing to \_\_\_\_\_ where we are is an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to God & His Divine Plans for our **LIFE JOURNEY!** **James 4:17** <sup>NLT</sup>

"\_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_!" ~ Anonymous

"**Nine times out of ten, \_\_\_\_\_ is resorting to \_\_\_\_\_ when Plan A gets too \_\_\_\_\_, too \_\_\_\_\_, or too \_\_\_\_\_.** That's why **most people are living their \_\_\_\_\_.** They \_\_\_\_\_ **burn the ships. Plan A people \_\_\_\_\_ have a Plan B! It's Plan A or \_\_\_\_\_!**" ~ Pastor Mark Batterson, *ALL IN*, pp. 50

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Extra Study Notes ...