DON'T LOOK BACK!\*

The topic of today's message was first used as an instruction by God towards Lot (Abraham's nephew) and his family when God sent two Angels to destroy the city of Sodom.

 \*Gen 19.\*

The Angels said to Lot and his family:

\*"Run for your lives! Don't look back and don't stop anywhere on the plain! Run to the mountains, or you will be swept away!"\*

Gen 19:17.

Similarly, our Lord Jesus Christ also said to his disciples:

 \*"Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God."\*

Luke 9:62.

In otherwords, the phrase: \*Don't look back\* is a direct instruction from God, warning us of the danger of not being disconnected from the distractions of this world.

The Christian race is an individual race and not a relay race that requires team effort.

The track of the race is however surrounded with many other activities that are tantamount to distractions that will slow down or put an halt to the race.

God sent two Angels to Lot and his family, in order to save them from the impending destruction that was to come upon the city of Sodom as a result of their sins.

\*Gen 19:12&13\*

Despite the instruction of the Angels to Lot and his family not to look back; Lot's wife decided to look back at the destruction of Sodom and the bible has it recorded that by reason of her disobedience, she turned to a pillar of salt immediately.

 \*Gen 19:26.\*

Someone was quoted to have said:

 \*"Once you make the decision to move on, don't look back. Your destiny will never be found in the rear view mirror".\*

Without doubt, the way forward is not at the back.

 \*No man can change what has happened in the past, there is no sense in dwelling on what is behind you, but there is hope that the future will bring good tidings to you\*.

That's why Apostle Paul wrote:

 \*"Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead".\*

Phil 3:13.

 \*Your future and where you will spend your eternity cannot be determined by what you did in the past; but what you do going forward is the main determinant of your eternal destination.\*

Looking back is a distraction from focussing on what lies ahead of you.

Jesus Christ uttered the words recorded in \*Luke 9:62\* in reaction to the excuses of some of his disciples, when He was calling them to follow Him.

According to our Lord Jesus, whoever wants to enter the Kingdom of God must get rid of unnecessary baggage and distractions of life.

Rather than looking back, we should be asking God for the grace and the strength to forge aheard.

One popular song says:🎤

"I've got my mind made up and I won't turn back

Because I want to see my Jesus someday

I've got my mind made up and I won't turn back

Because I want to see my Jesus someday.

The popular saying is:

 \*Forward ever and backward never:\* There is actually nothing worthwhile to look back on.

Apostle Paul says:

 \*"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God".\*

Heb 12:2.

\*PRAYER\* Father, grant me what it takes to focus on you alone and finish well in Jesus name 🙏🏼.

I say to you again: \*Don't look back!\*,keep your focus on Jesus.

\*JESUS CARES\*

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Signed, Bro Cole