Returning Home Luke 8:40

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Introduction

I will share more with our church about the German trip at a later time, perhaps this Sunday evening. For now, we will look at the context of our verse in Luke 8:40:

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I. <u>BEFORE HE RETURNED, JESUS WAS MINISTERING TO</u> <u>OTHERS</u>, 8:1-39

A. Jesus was ministering by His preaching, 8:1b "...preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God..."

Jesus was very busy:

- preaching, teaching,
- clarifying His relationships,
- rebuking His disciples during the storm,
- engaging in spiritual warfare in the country of the Gadarenes

B. Jesus was ministered to by His people, 8:1c-3

- "...the twelve were with him,
- And certain women...
- Mary called Magdalene...
- And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna,
 - and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance."

II. <u>WHEN HE RETURNED, JESUS WAS MENTIONED WITH</u> <u>OTHERS</u>, 8:40

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A. The Return – "...when Jesus returned..."

Jesus should always have the preeminence.

B. The Reception – "...the people gladly received him ..."

Jesus encountered those with a gracious attitude.

C. The Reliability – "...for they were all waiting for him."

The unity expressed was the epitome of faithfulness.

III. AFTER HE RETURNED, JESUS WAS MINISTERING TO OTHERS, 8:41-56

A. The Reunion was Brief – one verse – 8:40

B. The Reason was...Business, 8:41-56

Jesus was focused on the ministry before He returned, and He was focused on the ministry after He returned.

Luke 2:49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

What is our "business"?

1. Develop a closer relationship with Christ = FELLOWSHIP:

a. Through consistent reading and applying the Bible to our personal lives;

b. Through regular times of prayer.

c. Through church attendance and involvement in His place for our service for His glory.

d. Through fellowship with other Christians in church activities.

2. Develop a consistent testimony for Christ = FRUITFULNESS:

a. Before our loved ones;

b. Before our friends;

c. Before our neighbors;

d. Before our work colleagues.

3. Develop convictions to honor Christ = FAITHFULNESS:

a. In private life;

b. In public life;

c. In personal beliefs;

d. In personal service.

<u>Conclusion</u>

<u>Jn. 9:4</u> I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. <u>5</u> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

10 Ways to Support Your Church

- 1. Attend regularly.
- 2. Give generously.
- 3. Love radically.
- 4. Bring others consistently.
- 5. Volunteer joyfully.
- 6. Share Jesus willingly.
- 7. Fellowship purposely.
- 8. Show up energetically.
- 9. Pray fervently.
- 10. Encourage faithfully.