

“But the people of the village did not welcome Jesus because he was on his way to Jerusalem. When James and John saw this, they said to Jesus, “Lord, should we call down fire from heaven to burn them up?” But Jesus turned and rebuked them.” Luke 9:53-55 NLT

## [lectio] // LUKE 9:51-56

listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

Classic sons of thunder response! Is this what happens when “prophets” get ticked off? These Samaritan towns were hotbeds for racial tension. Jews didn’t like them and Samaritan’s didn’t like the Jews. Even after Jesus had bridged issues (woman at well) by purposely going to or through these towns, the guys were still mad at the “disrespect.” This is another one of those times that Jesus “rebuked” his team. One of the other times was when the disciples wouldn’t let children get to him. What are the moments that Jesus corrected his team and why?

## [oratio]

pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

Talk about being disciplined! Jesus corrected the guys because they had gotten off-track with your purposes, your heart. Not only do I feel the sting of submitting to correction by you and others (over, beside and under) me, but I understand that sometimes it is so necessary to call out behavior, attitude and even motive especially if it becomes a group expression. Those counter-culture moments are necessary to stop the quick spread of values that do not align with you. Like children, like racial differences - these are worth calling out, right?

## [contemplatio]

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root