

Don't Look Away

Acts 28:27 “For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.”

Our dog is naughty and probably going to hell if she doesn't repent. She knows how to shake hands fluently, and when I asked her if she wanted to accept Jesus (It says to preach to all the creatures! Colossians 1:23), she wouldn't raise her hand, or get baptized. Anyway, she's been raised in a fenced in backyard all of her life. But once you open that gate lever, she tries to bolt over all creation.

It was a heat index of about 153 degrees. Our family had to get to an appointment. The last thing we had to do was take our dog into the fence. She's ten feet from me. I look her straight in the eyes and say, “Honey! Come here.”

That dog looks at me, and then turns away from me while I'm deliberating all the reasons she should come to me. My wife sees her turn her head so she doesn't have to listen to me, and starts laughing uncontrollably. And then my dog commits the mother of all sins between pet-owner and pet. She willfully, undeniably disobeys, and bolts with every fiber of her being.

My wife looked at me with laughter and tears, even while I'm in sweat and rage, and said, “She's being just like God's children when they don't want to obey God. She knows that if she keeps looking and listening to you, she'll eventually have to obey. But if she doesn't look and listen to you, she can focus what she wants, and not your will.”

Don't callous your heart when God speaks, he always leads to the path of life, even when it looks like a fence.