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REMIX OF ELIJAH & ELISHA

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SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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In 1 Kings 19 and 2 Kings 2, we learned about a powerful mentorship between Elijah and Elisha. Here we get an up close view of a protégé and a mentor. Elisha is the protégé that was willing to leave everything behind (his family, occupation, and life) for an opportunity of a lifetime at mentorship. He was willing to submit to and follow Elijah in his assignment before he ever received an assignment of his own. Elisha committed to faithfully watching Elijah to become more knowledgeable from his habits, principles, and disciplines. Elisha asked for a double portion of Elijah's anointing, which he received after he followed, remained faithful and focused during the mentorship process.

THE REMIX OF OLD & NEW

1 Kings 19:21 NIV - So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

- God never meant for generations to be in competition with each other.
- Elijah: The Lord is my God.
- Elisha: The Lord is my salvation.
- We must honor the older generations and respect the younger generations.
 - Both generations have something to offer and are stronger when we work together.
 - Pull what you need from the old to do what you need to do in the new.
- Every time God sends people into your life, it is a part of the picture for His plan for you.

What collaboration has God called you to? Are you working with or against it?

FOLLOW

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- Following is not easy. Your strength to follow is unnatural.
- You must follow the instructions of God to get what you need from the old.
- You are called to be a shadow chaser. Someone's thumbprint has to be on your life.
- When you are called to follow someone, you must destroy some things from your past.
 - Closure is necessary and burning the plow can be painful.
 - You can celebrate your old, but it can't come into your future.
 - You have to make a conscious decision to grow and submit to the process.
- You cannot become a good leader until you become a good follower. It requires a

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strong work ethic.

- God is giving you the energy and strength to follow and serve.

Who has God called you to follow? What are some things in your past that you have yet to let go of?

FAITHFUL

2 Kings 2:2,4,6 NIV - Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. [4] Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the Lord has sent me to Jericho." And he replied, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho. [6] Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on.

- Because you decided to follow, you must be faithful.
- When you give a "yes" to the one you are called to follow, you are giving a "yes" to God.
- Every time Elisha was pushed away, he confessed his calling again.
 - Every time you make a greater investment, you must have a greater commitment.
- No matter what you think or feel, stay consistent; release your feelings.
 - Warfare goes with greatness.
 - Hell goes with birthing.
- Community sharpens you and causes you to grow.
 - If we remain isolated, we remain stagnant.

Are you committed to who God has called you to follow? What challenges have you faced as you remain in your seat of the follower?

FOCUS

2 Kings 2:8 NIV - Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

- Everything that presents itself is not meant to help you. Some things come to distract you. Weed out the nonsense.
- Whenever you make a commitment, distractions will follow.

What has distracted you from your assignment?

ELISHA WITNESSED A MIRACLE

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- Elisha served Elijah for 6 years and then witnessed a miracle because he was

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focused.

- Elisha didn't just follow, but was intentional in his observations. He kept his eyes open to the things that were happening.

ELISHA ASKED A QUESTION

2 Kings 2:9 NIV - When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied.

- What you're asking for is difficult, but if you stay focused you will get it.

ELISHA'S CHOICES

2 Kings 2:11 NIV - As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.

- Chariots of Fire
- Horses of Fire
- ELIJAH'S MANTLE
- Be careful of things that ride in suddenly.
- Your 'suddenly' encounter will come based on your ability to follow, faithfulness, and focus.

What are you asking God for? Is your ask big enough? Are you willing to stay focused and committed until you receive what you have asked for?

ELIJAH'S ANSWERS

2 Kings 2:10 NIV - "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours otherwise, it will not."

- You have to be present to receive some things.

2 Kings 2:13 NIV - Elisha then picked up Elijah's cloak that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.

- You have to pick up the mantle.
- Stop waiting on someone to do it for you. It's on you.

Have you picked up the mantle God has for you?

2 Kings 2:14 NIV - He took the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and struck the water with it. "Where now is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.

- Get the God of the material, map, and method.
- When you get God, you get everything.
- Seek the Messiah - *Matthew 6:33 NIV - But seek first his kingdom and his*

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righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

PRAYER

Lord, teach me how to follow. Teach me how to be faithful to who You have sent to help me. Teach me how to focus on ALL things concerning You. Lord, I want to embrace and honor those who have gone before me. Bless me with a double portion of love, peace, joy, wisdom, knowledge, understanding, grace, strength, and anointing. In Jesus' name. Amen!