



# Finish Well

1 Kings 21 & 2 Kings 1-2

## **What does the Bible teach?**

We finish well when we hear the Lord. (1 Kings 21:17-29)

We finish well when we continuously obey the Lord's will. (2 Kings 1:3-4; 9-10; 13-16)

We finish well when we are faithful to the very end. (2 Kings 2:9-12)

## **How should I respond?**

Listen carefully to the Lord.

Actively obey the Lord's word.

Be faithful to the very end.

# From Despair To Hope

## The Story of Elijah



## Finish Well Group Discussion

### 1. What does the passage say?

What is the writer ultimately trying to communicate to his readers? What issue is the writer addressing?

### 2. What did this passage mean to its original audience?

How would a 1st Century Christ-follower receive this message?

### 3. What does this passage tell us about God?

Explain what you understand about God from the text. Is that a new idea or truth for you?

### 4. What does this passage tell us about man?

In your own words share what this passage encourages us to do to follow Jesus more fully and faithfully?

### 5. What does this passage demand of me?

Personally speaking, what areas of living in relationship with Jesus do you need to address?  
How should you live in light of what this passage says?

### 6. How does this passage change the way I relate to people?

What does this passage communicate about the need for grace and humility in community with others?  
Whom should I invite to seek Jesus?

### 7. What does this passage prompt me to pray to God?

Are you in need of forgiveness or repentance?  
Do you need to intercede for others?  
Do you need an "extra measure" of faith to follow Jesus or engage the community and world?

## 2 Kings 2:1-12

2 The time had come for the Lord to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elijah and Elisha were traveling from Gilgal, 2 and Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the Lord is sending me on to Bethel."

But Elisha replied, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

3 Then the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha and said, "Do you know that the Lord will take your master away from you today?" He said, "Yes, I know. Be quiet."

4 Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; the Lord is sending me to Jericho."

But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho.

5 Then the sons of the prophets who were in Jericho came up to Elisha and said, "Do you know that the Lord will take your master away from you today?" He said, "Yes, I know. Be quiet."

6 Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the Lord is sending me to the Jordan."

But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

7 Fifty men from the sons of the prophets came and stood observing them at a distance while the two of them stood by the Jordan. 8 Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the water, which parted to the right and left. Then the two of them crossed over on dry ground. 9 When they had crossed over, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I can do for you before I am taken from you."

So Elisha answered, "Please, let me inherit two shares of your spirit."

10 Elijah replied, "You have asked for something difficult. If you see me being taken from you, you will have it. If not, you won't."

11 As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire with horses of fire suddenly appeared and separated the two of them. Then Elijah went up into heaven in the whirlwind. 12 As Elisha watched, he kept crying out, "My father, my father, the chariots and horsemen of Israel!"