

PROPHETS

ELIJAH & ELISHA

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OBEYING GOD'S CALL FROM GOOD TO GREAT
1 KINGS 19

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Good is the enemy of great. And that is one of the key reasons why we have so little that becomes great. We don't have great schools, principally because we have good schools. We don't have great government, principally because we have good government. Few people attain great lives, in large part because it is just so easy to settle for a good life.

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Good to Great, JIM COLLINS

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The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.”

THE CALL OF ELISHA

MATTHEW 13:44 (NIV)

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He replied, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.'

¹⁵The Lord said to him, 'Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram.

¹⁶Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet.”

KINGS 19:14-16 (NIV)

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So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. ²⁰Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye,' he said, 'and then I will come with you.' 'Go back,' Elijah replied. 'What have I done to you?' ²¹So 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.”

ELISHA WAS LIVING A GOOD LIFE

KINGS 19:19-21 (NIV)

Elisha was....

- _____ .
- _____ .
- Good _____ .
- Good Work / Life Balance.
- Elisha was from Abel Meholah:
- Hebrew: _____ .

GOD'S CALL OF ELISHA WAS FROM SOMETHING GOOD TO SOMETHING GREAT

1 | The path to something greater usually goes through the valley of _____ .

Just like with Elijah (1 Kings 18) God needed to work IN Elisha before He was ready to work THROUGH Elisha.

2 | The possibility of something greater becomes a reality through bold

“ Elisha then left his oxen and **ran after Elijah.**”

1 KINGS 19:20 (NIV)

“ And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. **Then he arose and went after Elijah** and assisted him.”

1 KINGS 19:21 (ESV)

“ 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.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ '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.'

¹¹ 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. ¹² Elisha saw this and cried out, 'My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!' And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

¹³ Elisha then picked up Elijah's cloak that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ 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..”

ELISHA ASKS FOR A DOUBLE PORTION OF ELIJAH'S SPIRIT:

2 KINGS 2:8-14 (NIV)

Elijah performed _____ Miracles **VS.** Elisha performed _____ Miracles

Elisha received what he asked for because he did not hold anything back.

SO WHAT?

Question 1 | Who is one person I can serve this week?

Question 2 | What is one risk of faith I can take this week?

Question 3 | What is one way I can sacrificially give more this week?

For Recent Messages on
1 Kings 19:8-11



Calming The
Anxious Mind
Steve Steele



In the Storm
Glen Barnes

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1 - Everyone could use some good news. Share something (or a few things) with your group that is going good for you these days.
- 2 - When God sends Elijah to call Elisha he seems to be living a good life. Is Elisha's response to leave that life behind surprising to you? Why or why not? What do you think would motivate Elisha to make the radical response that he made?
- 3 - What would you say is the significance of Elisha sacrificing his oxen and burning his plows?
- 4 - This week's message made the point that the path to something greater usually goes through the valley of SURRENDER, SACRIFICE AND SERVICE. Would you agree with this statement? Why or why not? Give examples when times of surrender, sacrifice and service have led to greater things in your life?
- 5 - Read 2 Kings 2:8-14. God allows Elisha a glimpse of His power when Elijah is taken up into heaven. How do you think that experience helped Elisha in the days ahead?
- 6 - Share your answer to one of the "So What" Questions from above.

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