I. God Marks An Unknown Believer (1 Kings 19:16)

"...Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place."

I. God Chooses A Busy Believer (19a)

A. Elisha had a family - "Elisha, the son of Shaphat..."   He would tell his family goodbye

B. Elisha had a field - "...who was plowing..."   He would leave his job behind

C. Elisha had a future - "...with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth..."
He would exchange his personal dreams for eternal promises

II. God Enlists A Willing Believer (19b-20)

A. Elisha's opportunity (19b) - "...Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him."   "I lay upon you, Elisha, what God has laid upon me."

B. Elisha's priority (20a) - "And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah..."   Here, he lets go of the oxen

C. Elisha's integrity (20b) - ""Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you."

D. Elisha's liberty (20c) - Elijah said, "..."Go back again, {Think it through, it's important} for what have I done to you?"{It's not my decree, I'm simply the messenger}."

III. God Empowers A Sacrificial Believer (21)

A. Elisha displayed a wholehearted commitment - "...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..."   Here, he laid down the oxen (see 20a above; highlight letting go/laying down)

B. Elisha blessed others in generosity - "...and gave it to the people, and they ate." Celebrate the call!

C. Elisha embraced the role of servant - "Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him."   A lot of grit and gruel, no glamor

To be a genuine servant, we need some things:

1. Elisha did not bargain - it was not about what he would get out of the call.
2. Elisha recognized the immense privilege in being allowed ANY part of God's plan.
3. Elisha was willing to take personal risks because Elijah was a wanted man.
4. Elisha would serve a God he could not see by serving a person that he could see.
5. Elisha committed before knowing all the facts. When we commit as a servant, we commit to WHATEVER.