



SUNDAY MESSAGE

GET CONNECTED

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THE TEXT

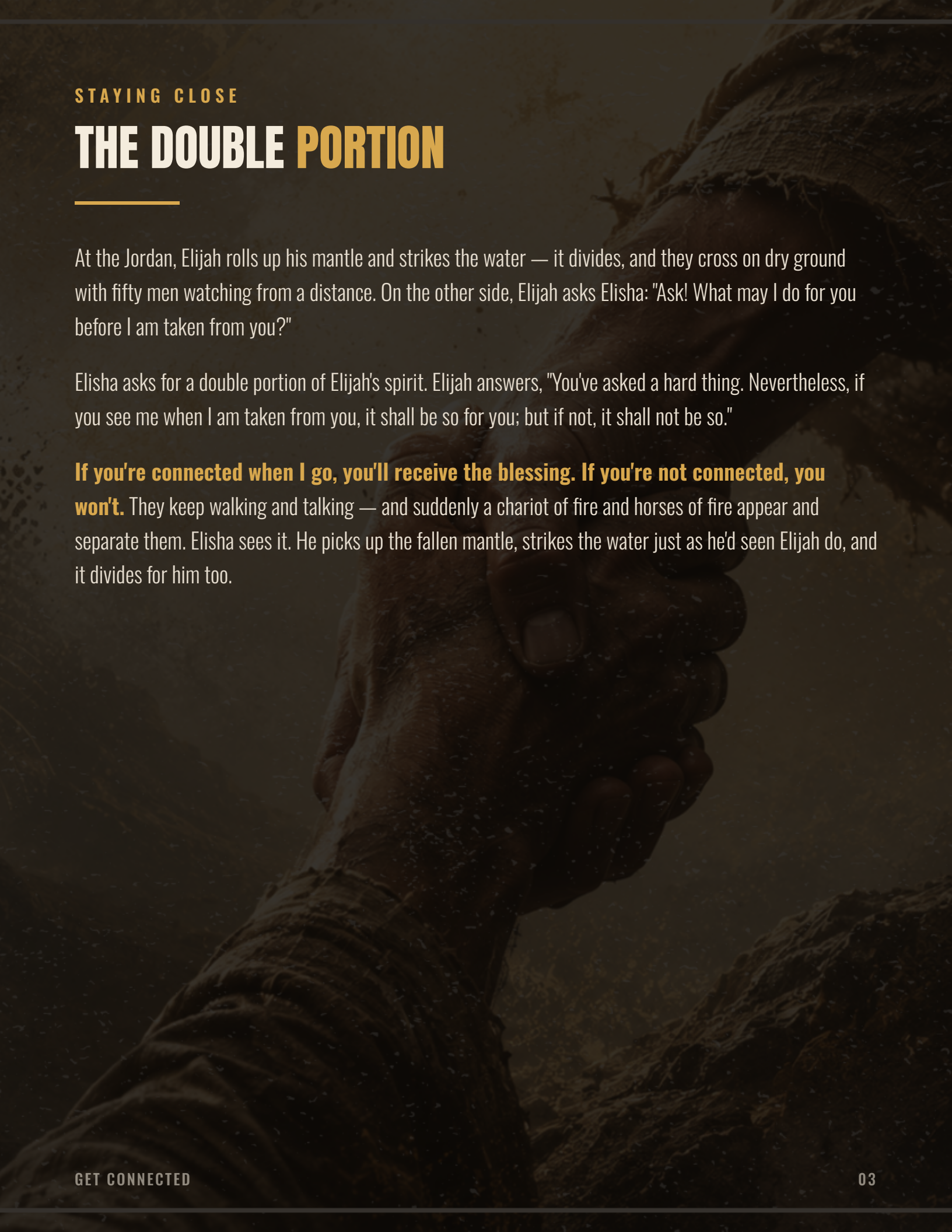
2 KINGS 2:1-15

"The Lord was about to take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind."

2 KINGS 2:1

Three times Elijah tells Elisha to stay behind — at Gilgal, at Bethel, at Jericho. Three times Elisha refuses: "I will not leave you." At each stop, the sons of the prophets ask Elisha if he knows his master is being taken today. He already knows. He stays quiet, and he stays close.

Elijah and Elisha had a real, working relationship — the kind where you can read someone from across the room. That kind of connection isn't accidental. It's chosen, again and again.



STAYING CLOSE

THE DOUBLE PORTION

At the Jordan, Elijah rolls up his mantle and strikes the water — it divides, and they cross on dry ground with fifty men watching from a distance. On the other side, Elijah asks Elisha: "Ask! What may I do for you before I am taken from you?"

Elisha asks for a double portion of Elijah's spirit. Elijah answers, "You've asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so."

If you're connected when I go, you'll receive the blessing. If you're not connected, you won't. They keep walking and talking — and suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appear and separate them. Elisha sees it. He picks up the fallen mantle, strikes the water just as he'd seen Elijah do, and it divides for him too.



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THE QUESTION

WHAT ARE YOU **CONNECTED TO?**

Everyone is connected to something — even the Lone Ranger had Tonto. The question is never whether we're connected, but to what.

FAITH OR FEAR

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Rom. 10:17). God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind (2 Tim. 1:7).

THE HOUSE OR THE HIGHLIGHT REEL

Those planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God (Ps. 92:13). Are you planted, or just scrolling?

THE WORD OR THE CULTURE

What's our first priority and final authority — what's trending, or what the Lord thinks?

JEHOVAH RAPHA OR THE REPORT

"I am the Lord who heals you" (Ex. 15:26). Do we believe the doctor's report before we believe what God's Word says?



A WARNING

DISCONNECTED COSTS

Elisha had his own servant, Gehazi — who was not connected the way he should have been. When Naaman was healed after dipping in the Jordan seven times, Elisha refused his gifts. Gehazi wanted them anyway.

He chased Naaman down, lied about a change of plans, took the gifts, and hid them. When Elisha asked where he'd been, Gehazi said, "Nowhere." Elisha answered, "Did not my heart go with you...?" The leprosy of Naaman clung to Gehazi and his descendants forever.

What we choose to connect to matters — not just for us, but for our children and their children. The choice we make today will affect our families for generations.

CLOSING REFLECTION

STAY CLOSE

- 1 What are you connected to?** Faith or fear, the house or the highlight reel, the Word or the culture?
- 2 Are you more connected than disconnected** right now — or is there room where trouble has been able to come in?
- 3 What will your children inherit** from what you choose to stay connected to today?

Closing charge: "What we are connected to determines the amount of blessing that we will walk in during our lives. I don't want to be connected to the wrong thing. I want to make the right choice."