

## **Elijah- Leaving a Lasting Legacy**

**Society doesn't define your worth in the Kingdom of God.**

**20** Ahab said to Elijah, "So you have found me, my enemy!"

"I have found you," he answered, "because you have sold yourself to do evil in the eyes of the LORD.

**21** He says, 'I am going to bring disaster on you. I will wipe out your descendants and cut off from Ahab every last male in Israel—slave or free. **22** I will make your house like that of Jeroboam son of Nebat and that of Baasha son of Ahijah, because you have aroused my anger and have caused Israel to sin.'

**23** "And also concerning Jezebel the LORD says: 'Dogs will devour Jezebel by the wall of [b] Jezreel.'

**24** "Dogs will eat those belonging to Ahab who die in the city, and the birds will feed on those who die in the country."

**25** (There was never anyone like Ahab, who sold himself to do evil in the eyes of the LORD, urged on by Jezebel his wife. **26** He behaved in the vilest manner by going after idols, like the Amorites the LORD drove out before Israel.)

**27** When Ahab heard these words, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and fasted. He lay in sackcloth and went around meekly.

**28** Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite: **29** "Have you noticed how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has humbled himself, I will not bring this disaster in his day, but I will bring it on his house in the days of his son."

### **1 Kings 21:20-29**

*Where is our boldness?*

*Do we have a boldness like Elijah at the vineyard, or is our boldness like Elijah at the cave?*

**We receive boldness when we plant ourselves in the presence of God.**

8 The king of Israel answered Jehoshaphat, "There is still one prophet through whom we can inquire of the LORD, but I hate him because he never prophesies anything good about me, but always bad. He is Micaiah son of Imlah."

### **1 Kings 22:8**

**We have to have people who tell us what we need to hear, rather than what we want to hear.**

**Going against the will of God for your life is the worst thing you can do for your life.**

2 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.

### **2 Kings 2:2**

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.

### **2 Kings 2:4**

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.

7 Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. 8 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.

### **2 Kings 2:6- 8**

**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."

### **2 Kings 2:9-10**

**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.

### **2 Kings 2:11-12**

We must have someone in our lives who we are mentoring and who is mentoring us.

God uses normal, obedient people to do extraordinary things.