

STANDING BEHIND THE PLOW

CENTRAL QUESTION:

What does it mean to receive God's anointing as we faithfully serve in ordinary places?

I. WHERE GOD FINDS THE CALLED

Key Scripture: 1 Kings 19:19-21 — Elijah calls Elisha from behind his plow.

Insight: God often calls those who are already diligent and faithful in their everyday responsibilities (plowing, fishing, farming, shepherding).

Contrast: Spiritual growth is not about waiting for perfect conditions, but working faithfully right where you are.

II. THE ANOINTING: MORE THAN TALENT

- Outward qualifications (talent, charisma, status) are not the same as God's anointing.
- The true anointing is what breaks spiritual yokes and brings real change.
- Prayer and preaching accomplish little without the presence and power of God.

Illustration: The world values show and skill; God values surrendered hearts and willing hands.

III. THE COST OF ANOINTING

- Anointing comes with sacrifice and commitment—being willing to “get behind the plow” and serve when it's hard, unnoticed, or uncomfortable.
- Example: When God called Elisha, he let go of his old life completely—burning his plow, sacrificing his oxen, and following Elijah.

Challenge: Are we willing to do what it takes to experience God's power, even when it costs us our comfort or plans?

IV. REFOCUSING ON GOD'S CALL

Application: The invitation isn't just for pastors or leaders but for everyone—students, parents, workers—who long for more of God's presence and power in their daily life.

Prayer: Ask God to correct, guide, and anoint you in your ordinary moments.

Key Takeaway: True spiritual breakthrough begins when we faithfully serve, trusting God to use us right where we are, and are willing to lay down anything to follow His call.

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

- What does “standing behind the plow” look like in your own life?
- What is God asking you to surrender, so that you can receive something new from Him?
- How can you seek real anointing—not just outward success—in your daily work and relationships?

Scripture References for Further Study: 1 Kings 19:19-21 | Luke 9:62 | Colossians 3:23 | Isaiah 10:27 | James 1:22