

Message Notes for 5-17-20

God Is . . .

1 Kings 19:19-21 & 2 Kings 2:1-14

1 Kings 19:19-21 (NIV) ¹⁹ 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.

²⁰ Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother good-bye," he said, "and then I will come with you." "Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?"

²¹ So 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 attendant.

- Elisha's name means God is _____

1. Elisha said yes to the _____

2. Elisha _____ the plow and _____ the oxen

- Following Jesus is an _____ or _____ proposition.

3. Elisha learned to lead by learning to _____

4. God is _____ of it _____!

5. God is full of _____.

- there is a danger of _____ the grace of God too long!

2 Kings 2:1 (NIV) ¹ When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

- the main point is Elijah and Elisha on _____

1. It is _____ Day

A. Elijah is graduating into the _____ to _____

B. Elisha is graduating to a new place of _____

- Am I ready for the _____ graduation?
- Am I ready for _____ responsibility?

2 Kings 2:1-3 (NIV) ¹ When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

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.

³ The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "but do not speak of it."

2. God is at work _____ right now

2 Kings 2:4-8 (NIV) 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.

⁵ The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," he replied, "but do not speak of it."

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 of 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.

3. Elijah is saying the time has come that you can no longer

- _____
- Elijah is trying to make it _____ on his son in the faith.

4. Elisha is saying, Elijah, I _____

- Elijah you are _____ in the faith

2 Kings 2:12 (NIV) ¹² *Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father!"*

5. God had given Elijah an extraordinary _____.

A. God gave Elijah a _____

B. God has a way of giving just what we _____

_____ we need it most!

6. Elijah did not know the _____

A. Only time will reveal the _____ of our faithfulness to God.

B. We do not know enough to be _____

7. Elisha has come to the place he is going to have to _____

_____ and that will be enough.

2 Kings 2:9-12 (NIV) 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 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 own clothes and tore them apart.

- In order to serve his generation Elisha did not need the _____ of Elijah.
- What Elisha needed was the _____ that was in Elijah.
- The test was if you can see what is _____
- Elisha could see the _____

2 Cor. 4:18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

John 1:12 (NIV) ¹² *Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-*

- do we see that enough to _____ it and _____ it?

2 Kings 2:13-14 (NIV) ¹³ *He picked up the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.*

¹⁴ *Then he took the cloak that had fallen from him 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.*

Luke 11:11-13 (NIV) ¹¹ *"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead?*

¹² *Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?*

¹³ *If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"*