

LIVING IN BETWEEN MIRACLES

Great Lessons from the Lesser Known – Part 4

Elijah & Elisha: 2 Kings 2

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“These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age.”

1 Corinthians 10:11 (NLT)

MEMORY VERSE:

*“For you are great and do wonderful deeds.
You alone are God.” Psalm 86:10 (NIV)*

I. LIVE WITH TENACITY

“When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a Whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. 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. ‘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. 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.”
2 Kings 2:1-2, 4, 6 (NIV)

II. LIVE WITH SENSITIVITY

“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 Kings 2:3 (NIV)

- SENSITIVE TO GOD'S ACTIONS
- SENSITIVE TO PEOPLE'S NEEDS

III. LIVE WITH PURITY

“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. 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. 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. ‘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.’”
2 Kings 2:7-10 (NIV)

PURITY IS: A SINGLE MINDED AMBITION TO DO SOMETHING GREAT FOR GOD

“...I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me... I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:12b-14 (NIV)

“Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”
2 Timothy 2:22 (NIV)

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”
Matthew 5:8 (NIV)

“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. 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. He picked up the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. 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.”
2 Kings 2:11-14 (NIV)