

C. He Gave Up Everything

“Elijah replied, ‘Go on back, but think about what I have done to you.’ So Elisha returned to his oxen and slaughtered them. He used the wood from the plow to build a fire to roast their flesh. He passed around the meat to the townspeople, and they all ate.” 1 Kings 19:20-21 (NLT)

III. ELISHA’S APPRENTICESHIP

“Then he went with Elijah as his assistant.” 1 Kings 19:21 (NLT)

“Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me - everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.” Philippians 4:9 (NLT)

IV. ELISHA’S FAITHFULNESS

“When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were traveling from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Stay here, for the Lord has told me to go to Bethel.’ But Elisha replied, ‘As surely as the Lord lives and you yourself live, I will never leave you!’ So they went down together to Bethel. The group of prophets from Bethel came to Elisha and asked him, ‘Did you know that the Lord is going to take your master away from you today?’ ‘Of course I know,’ Elisha answered. ‘But be quiet about it.’ Then Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Stay here, for the Lord has told me to go to Jericho.’ But Elisha replied again, ‘As surely as the Lord lives and you yourself live, I will never leave you.’ So they went on together to Jericho. Then the group of prophets from Jericho came to Elisha and asked him, ‘Did you know that the Lord is going to take your master away from you today?’ ‘Of course I know,’ Elisha answered. ‘But be quiet about it.’ Then Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Stay here, for the Lord has told me to go to the Jordan River.’ But again Elisha replied, ‘As surely as the Lord lives and you yourself live, I will never leave you.’ So they went on together.” 2 Kings 1-6 (NLT)

V. ELISHA’S REQUEST

“Fifty men from the group of prophets also went and watched from a distance as Elijah and Elisha stopped beside the Jordan River. Then Elijah folded his cloak together and struck the water with it. The river divided, and the two of them went across on dry ground! When they came to the other side, Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Tell me what I can do for you before I am taken away.’ And Elisha replied, ‘Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit and become your successor.’ ‘You have asked a difficult thing,’ Elijah replied. ‘If you see me when I am taken from you, then you will get your request. But if not, then you won’t.’”

2 Kings 2:7-10 (NLT)

“There was a man named Jabez who was more honorable than any of his brothers. His mother named him Jabez because his birth had been so painful. He was the one who prayed to the God of Israel, ‘Oh, that you would bless me and expand my territory! Please be with me in all that I do, and keep me from all trouble and pain!’ And God granted him his request.” 1 Chronicles 4:9-10 (NLT)

VI. GOD GRANTS ELISHA’S REQUEST

“As they were walking along and talking, suddenly a chariot of fire appeared, drawn by horses of fire. It drove between the two men, separating them, and Elijah was carried by a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha saw it and cried out, ‘My father! My father! I see the chariots and charioteers of Israel!’ And as they disappeared from sight, Elisha tore his clothes in distress.” 2 Kings 2:11-12 (NLT)

“For even if you had ten thousand others to teach you about Christ, you have only one spiritual father. For I became your father in Christ Jesus when I preached the Good News to you.” 1 Corinthians 4:15 (NLT)

“Elisha picked up Elijah’s cloak, which had fallen when he was taken up. Then Elisha returned to the bank of the Jordan River. He struck the water with Elijah’s cloak and cried out, ‘Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?’ Then the river divided, and Elisha went across.”

2 Kings 2:13-14 (NLT)

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I. GOD'S PRESCRIPTION

“Then the Lord told him, ‘Go back the same way you came, and travel to the wilderness of Damascus. When you arrive there, anoint Hazeel to be king of Aram. Then anoint Jehu... to be king of Israel, and anoint Elisha... to replace you as my prophet.’”
1 Kings 19:15-16 (NLT)

II. ELISHA'S DECISION

“So Elijah went and found Elisha son of Shaphat plowing a field. There were twelve teams of oxen in the field, and Elisha was plowing with the twelfth team. Elijah went over to him and threw his cloak across his shoulders and then walked away. Elisha left the oxen standing there, ran after Elijah, and said to him, ‘First let me go and kiss my father and mother good-bye, and then I will go with you!’ Elijah replied, ‘Go on back, but think about what I have done to you.’ So Elisha returned to his oxen and slaughtered them. He used the wood from the plow to build a fire to roast their flesh. He passed around the meat to the townspeople, and they all ate. Then he went with Elijah as his assistant.”
1 Kings 19:19-21 (NLT)

A. He Gave Up Wealth

“So Elijah went and found Elisha son of Shaphat plowing a field. There were twelve teams of oxen in the field, and Elisha was plowing with the twelfth team.”
1 Kings 19:19 (NLT)

B. He Gave Up Comfort And Convenience

“Elijah went over to him and threw his cloak across his shoulders and then walked away. Elisha left the oxen standing there, ran after Elijah, and said to him, ‘First let me go and kiss my father and mother good-bye, and then I will go with you!’”
1 Kings 19:19-20 (NLT)