

Elisha: A Call to Serve: I Kings 19:19-21

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Introduction: The Cichlid fish

Back ground: Elijah and Jezebel

I God ENCOURAGES

Discouragement 19:1-4

Encouragement 19:5-8

II GOD IS SOVERIEGN

OUR VIEW

I have been Zealous for you, I alone am left and they seek my life 19:9-14

GOD'S VIEW

7000 people have not bowed the knee I Kings 19:15-18

He has his people everywhere

Romans 11:1-6

III GOD CALLS

Recruited for service in the Kingdom Philippians 3:14

You can not be reconciled to God without being recruited into his service

What is your calling? Live prophetically, move powerfully, minister to the needs of others, act fearlessly serve others and die graciously

What has God called you to do?

God has his servants everywhere hiding in a cave working on Dad's farm

What do you feel prompted to do?

Prayer warrior serve teach preach disciple go minister administration promote

What is your pleasure to do? When you are doing what is in God's will for you to do you will enjoy and you will feel alive in God's kingdom

What has God gifted you to do

Is God calling you today?

Elisha was doing his regular business, Not praying but plowing

Elisha and Elijah did not initiate this, God did.

IV YOU ANSWER

Don't Delay

Luke 5:9-11 and 27-28

When this occurs it creates in our minds the clear impression that we have little option.
LIKE JAMES AND JOHN

Not an excuse for delay

Luke 9:61

Prepare to be a Sacrifice

Romans 12:1-2

In slaughtering his oxen Elisha gave up his former career, his inheritance and his financial security HE burned bridges

Hudson Taylor "God is looking for wicks to burn, the oil and the fire come free

Prepare to serve in Humility and meekness

I Kings 19:21
he became an attendant

At first Elisha ministry was nothing spectacular

I Corinthians 1:26-31
servant

God did not choose you to be a sensation but a

The way up the kingdom is down

If you submit you'll serve

Elijah was determined to pass things on to those who came after him

God takes time maturing

II Kings 3:11

Elisha washed the hands

Would rather have kingdom than comfort

First stoop and serve

Examples James 4 and Christ washing the disciples believe