

**THE POWER OF AN OBEDIENT LIFE:**

***Passing the Faith Along—Part 2***

**(1 Kings 19:19-21; 2 Kings 2:1-8)**

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**I. If I am going to pass the faith along, there is a PRIORITY that must be FIXED in my life.**

*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. Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother good-by," he said, "and then I will come with you." "Go back," Elijah replied, "What have I done to you?" 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. 1 Kings 19:19-21 (NIV)*

**II. If I am going to pass the faith along, there is a \_\_\_\_\_ that must be \_\_\_\_\_ in my life.**

**A. GILGAL (Joshua 5:1-9) \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**B. BETHEL (Genesis 32:22-28) \_\_\_\_\_**

*Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here Elisha; the Lord has sent me to Bethel." 2 Kings 2:2 (NIV)*

**C. JERICHO (Joshua 6:1-20) \_\_\_\_\_**

*Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the Lord has sent me to Jericho." 2 Kings 2:4 (NIV)*

**D. THE JORDAN (Joshua 3:1-17) \_\_\_\_\_**

*Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." 2 Kings 2:6 (NIV)*

*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. 2 Kings 2:7-8 (NIV)*

*"Anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing, and he will do even greater things than these because I am going to the Father. John 14:12 (NIV)*

**III. If I am going to pass the faith along, there is a \_\_\_\_\_ that must be \_\_\_\_\_ in my life.**

*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. 2 Kings 2:9 (NIV)*

**A. Two questions:**

**1. How deep is your \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God?**

**2. How strong is your \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God?**

**B. One promise!**

*As the two 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 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)*