

Your Calling
Faith Heroes – Part 5
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James 5:16b-18 (ESV) The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

1 Peter 2:9 (ESV) But you are a chosen race ... that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

2 Timothy 1:9a (NIV2011) He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.

Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

1. God’s _____ for your life

1 Kings 19:19a (ESV) So he [Elijah] departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth.

1A. You are _____ by God

1 Kings 19:19-21 (ESV) Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ... And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

1B. You are _____ for service

2 Kings 2:1 (ESV) Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

2 Kings 2:9 (ESV) When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.”

2 Kings 2:11 (ESV) And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

2. Meet other’s _____ with compassion

2A. _____ your city supernaturally

2 Kings 2:19 (ESV) Now the men of the city said to Elisha, “Behold, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees, but the water is bad, and the land is unfruitful.”

2 Kings 2:20-21 (ESV) He said, “Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it.” So they brought it to him. Then he went to the spring of water and threw salt in it and said, “Thus says the LORD, I have healed this water; from now on neither death nor miscarriage shall come from it.”

2B. Serve _____ needs

2 Kings 4:40-41 (ESV) And they poured out some for the men to eat. But while they were eating of the stew, they cried out, “O man of God, there is death in the pot!” And they could not eat it. He said, “Then bring flour.” And he threw it into the pot and said, “Pour some out for the men, that they may eat.” And there was no harm in the pot.

3. Fulfill your calling till the _____

2 Kings 13:14 (ESV) Now when Elisha had fallen sick with the illness of which he was to die, Joash king of Israel went down to him and wept before him, crying, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!”

3A. Speak _____ for God

2 Kings 13:17 (ESV) And he said, “Open the window eastward,” and he opened it. Then Elisha said, “Shoot,” and he shot. And he said, “The LORD’s arrow of victory, the arrow of victory over Syria! For you shall fight the Syrians in Aphek until you have made an end of them.”

3B. Leave a spiritual _____

2 Kings 13:20-21 (ESV) So Elisha died, and they buried him. ... And as a man was being buried, behold, a marauding band was seen and the man was thrown into the grave of Elisha, and as soon as the man touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet.

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (2 Kings 2-13)
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to the service next Sunday.

How will I obey God’s Word this week? _____

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Intro. Why do people often think that they could never be like the people written about in the Bible (James 5:16b-18)?

Intro. How is God's call to salvation, the most important calling (1 Peter 2:9)?

Intro. What does God's call to a holy life for believers mean (1 Timothy 1:9a)?

Intro. Why is God's call to make disciples for every believer (Matthew 28:29-20)?

1A. How did Elisha's career as a farmer prepare him for his prophetic calling (1 Kings 19:19a)?

1B. What does Elisha's immediate response to Elijah tell you about his heart (1 Kings 19:29-21)?

1C. Why do you think that Elisha asked for a double portion of Elijah's spirit (2 Kings 2:9)? What can we learn from him to apply to our lives?

1D. What is the difference between your career and your calling? Why is this important?

1E. What are some ways we can observe God's calling upon people's lives today?

2A. What would be your first thought if someone asked you to fix a city's water supply (2 Kings 2:19)?

2B. How do you think Elisha knew what to do about the bad water (2 Kings 2:20-21)?

2C. What seems to be Elisha's response when confronted with a need (2 Kings 4:40-21)? What can we learn from him?

2D. How can we show compassion to those in need? How do needs open the door for supernatural intervention?

3A. What can we learn about God's anointing for service from Elisha's interaction with Joash (2 Kings 13:14, 17)?

3B. What are some ways we can leave a spiritual legacy (2 Kings 13:20-21)?

3C. How does God's calling on a person's life continue into retirement?