

Elijah: Learning to Follow God
The God of Transition
2 Kings 1:1-18 (page 252)

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God is a l w a y s working in the s t a g e s of our lives (2:1-7)

- *Elisha*: be f a i t h f u l today - in the p r e s e n t (2:1-2,4,6; 1 Kings 19:19; Heb 3:7,15; 1 Cor 16:13 2 Thess 2:14-15)
- *Prophets*: be p r e p a r i n g for the f u t u r e (2:3,5,7,15; 2 Tim 2:1-7; 3:14)
- *Elijah*: R e m e m b e r the p a s t experience with God (2:1,2,4,6; Psalm 105:4-5; Isa 46:9-10; 1 Cor 10:1-14)
- √ *Gilgal* = the place of n e w b e g i n n i n g (Josh 4:19-5:9)
- √ *Bethel* = the place of w o r s h i p and s u r r e n d e r (Gen 12:8, 13:3-4; 28:10-22; Rom 12:1-2)
- √ *Jericho* = the place of b a t t l e and v i c t o r y of faith (Josh 5:13-6:27; James 4:13-17)
- √ *Jordan* = the place of d e a t h to s e l f (Exo 12-15; Josh 1-4; 2 Cor 12:14-15; Phil 2:1-11)

God is always p r e p a r i n g others to c o n t i n u e His work (2:8-12)

- C o m m i t m e n t to God and His p u r p o s e s results in asking b i g things of Him (v 9-10; Jn 15:7-8; 1 Jn 5:14-15)

When a servant of God d e p a r t s, nothing of God is l o s t (2:13-14; Heb 13:8; James 1:17)

When God t r a n s i t i o n s His servants, we need to let go and t r u s t God (2:15-18; Acts 1:8-11; 20:25-38)

Keep it real....

What city best pictures the stage of your current spiritual life? Gilgal? Bethel? Jericho? The Jordan River? Explain.

Is God speaking to you about a deeper level of consecration, commitment or priorities in your life at this time? Identify them and write them out.

How will you address these areas that you have identified? When will you start? How about today?

Are you being mentored (taught, disciplined) by anyone? Are you mentoring (teaching, disciplining) anyone? Why not? Do you consider this part of the process of spiritual growth? Discuss.

How do you respond to transition in your life? In your work? In the Church? Can you trust God and know He is at work in the situation or do you usually resist and find other options? What do you think God would want you to do? Explain.
