

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

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God is always working in the stages of our lives (2:1-7)

- *Elisha*: be faithful today - in the present (2:1-2,4,6; 1 Kings 19:19; Heb 3:7,15; 1 Cor 16:13 2 Thess 2:14-15)
- *Prophets*: be preparing for the future (2:3,5,7,15; 2 Tim 2:1-7; 3:14)
- *Elijah*: Remember the past 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 new beginning (Josh 4:19-5:9)
- √ *Bethel* = the place of worship and surrender (Gen 12:8, 13:3-4; 28:10-22; Rom 12:1-2)
- √ *Jericho* = the place of battle and victory of faith (Josh 5:13-6:27; James 4:13-17)
- √ *Jordan* = the place of death to self (Exo 12-15; Josh 1-4; 2 Cor 12:14-15; Phil 2:1-11)

God is always preparing others to continue His work (2:8-12)

- Commitment to God and His purposes results in asking big things of Him (v 9-10; Jn 15:7-8; 1 Jn 5:14-15)

When a servant of God departs, nothing of God is lost (2:13-14; Heb 13:8; James 1:17)

When God transitions His servants, we need to let go and trust 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, discipling) 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.
