

How to Outlive Your Life

SERMON SUMMARY

Today's sermon focused on the story of Elijah and Elisha from 1 Kings 19 and 2 Kings 2. The key theme was about living a life that outlasts us by following God's call, making sacrifices, and discipling others. Elijah, a prophet of God, passed his mantle to Elisha, symbolizing the transfer of prophetic responsibility. Elisha's commitment to follow Elijah, even at great personal cost, and his request for a double portion of Elijah's spirit, highlight the importance of dedication and reliance on God. The sermon also emphasized the need for intentional discipleship within the church to raise up future leaders and followers of Christ.

KEY VERSES

1 Kings 19:19-21 (NLT)

19 So Elijah went and found Elisha son of Shaphat plowing a field. There were twelve teams of oxen in the field, and Elisha was plowing with the twelfth team. Elijah went over to him and threw his cloak across his shoulders and then walked away. 20 Elisha left the oxen standing there, ran after Elijah, and said to him, "First let me go and kiss my father and mother good-bye, and then I will go with you!"

Elijah replied, "Go on back, but think about what I have done to you."

21 So Elisha returned to his oxen and slaughtered them. He used the wood from the plow to build a fire to roast their flesh. He passed around the meat to the townspeople, and they all ate. Then he went with Elijah as his assistant.

Additional verses: 2 Kings 2:9-11; Deuteronomy 21:17; 2 Timothy 2:2

QUESTIONS

1. Who are you following in your spiritual journey, and how has that person influenced your faith?
2. What sacrifices have you made or are willing to make to follow God's call in your life?
3. How can you identify and mentor someone younger in the faith?
4. Why do you think Elisha asked for a double portion of Elijah's spirit?
5. What does it mean to you to live a life that outlasts you?
6. How can we as a church be more intentional about discipleship?
7. Have you ever felt like God was calling you to do something that seemed too big for you? How did you respond?
8. What steps can you take this week to invest in someone else's spiritual growth?

LIFE APPLICATION

This week, identify one person in your life who you can mentor or encourage in their faith journey. Reach out to them, spend time with them, and share what God has been teaching you.