THE LIFE OF ELIJAH

"Leaving A Legacy"
2 Kings 2:1-14

INTRODUCTION:

- 1. The question that needs to be raised today in the life of Elijah is: "What kind of spiritual legacy are you passing on?"
 - a) WOW!!! "How much of God are you TRANSFERING?"
- 2. Psalm 71:18
- 3. If all there is for you to transfer are things you can spend, you've left very little to transfer
- 4. God wants you in a **Spiritual Environment** so that a **Spiritual Legacy** can be transferred to you and through you, for others.
- 5. SO THE BIG QUESTION IS: "How much of the Spiritual are you leaving behind for the next generation?"
- 6. We are @ the place where Elisha makes a request of Elijah.
 - a) 2 Kings 2:9

I. THE REQUEST

A. MORE OF GOD

- 1. WOW!!! Elisha tells Elijah "I want twice as much of God as you have!!!"
 - a) "Let a double portion of your spirit rest on me!!"
 - b) "I want twice as much of God on me as I SAW ON YOU."
- 2. We have seen a whole bunch of God on Elijah.
- 3. QUESTION: "When have you gone BIG ON GOD for more of HIM?

 a) WOW!!! If somebody asked you for a double portion of God would they
 - get anything?

B. WHO'S ON FIRST

- 1. Matthew 6:33
 - a) "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God"
- 2. Colossians 1:18
 - a) "that in all things He might be preeminent."

3.1 Corinthians 16:2

- a) God wants us to put him first.
- 4. 2 Chronicles 1:7-12 (Solomon)
- 5. Elisha wanted twice as much God as Elijah had.
 - a) Twice as much of the Supernatural and twice as much as the Spiritual.
- 6. 2 Kings 2:10-11
- 7. Ephesians 1:18
- 8. Elisha wanted a double portion of God from Elijah.
 - a) 2 Kings 2:9
- 9. 1 Kings 19:19

C. KISS IT GOODBYE

- 1. 1 Kings 19:20-21
- 2. **WOW!!!** If you are gonna get more of God, you're gonna have to kiss something goodbye.
 - a) The reason we don't get more of God is because we don't want to kiss something goodbye.
- 3. Everywhere in the Bible God was calling men and women to a higher spiritual decision.
- 4. Are you Auditing your relationship with Jesus?
- 5. So by the time Elijah put the mantle on Elisha (1 Kings 19:19).
 - a) And the time he asked for a double portion (2 Kings 2:2) there's a Gap.

II. THE TEST

A. ARE YOU COMMITTED

- 1. 2 Kings 2:2
 - a) Elijah "Stay here"
 - b) Elisha "I will not leave you"
- 2. Oh mark it down God will test you.
 - a) God wants to see that when you are tested, WILL YOU KEEP ON GOING!!

- 3. God wants to see if your committed in your WALK as well as your TALK!!
- 4. 2 Kings 2:2-6
- 5. When Elijah said "Stay home" that was only a test.
- 6. QUESTION IS: What is your level of commitment?
- 7. QUESTION IS: "Are you committed?"
 - a) Are you going to keep moving forward?
 - b) Are you looking for a Miracle?
 - c) Do you want a supernatural life?

III. ARE YOU TRACKING

- 1. **Discipleship** is that developmental process that moves people along in their spiritual lives.
- 2. Now watch this:
 - a) 1 Kings 19:19
 - 1) Elijah puts the Mantle on Him.
 - b) 2 Kings 2:9
 - 1) Asks for a double portion.

A. GILGAL

- 1. Vs 1
- 2. In Gilgal God removed the reproach of Egypt from Israel.
- 3. When the Children of Israel left Egypt they couldn't get Egypt out of their mind.
 - a) They always kept looking back.
 - b) They loved Egypt even though God was taking them to the PROMISED LAND.
 - c) So it took them 40 years to get over Egypt.
- 4. **WOW!!!** There are those who are so committed to the World that leaves God out, so that God can't give us more of Him to take back to the World that God has delivered us from.
- 5. So Elijah took Elisha to Gilgal to teach him not to LOOK BACK.

B. BETHEL

- 1. Vs 2
- 2. In Genesis 35 Jacob heard the voice of God.
- 3. He saw the Ladder come down from heaven and the Angels descending and ascending.
- 4. POINT: God spoke to Jacob at Bethel.

C. JERICHO

- 1. Vs 3-4
- 2. @ Gilgal we leave the world behind.
 - a) @ Bethel we hear the voice of God.
- 3. @ Jericho we experience miracles.
- 4. Must let go of Bethel.
 - a) Hear God's voice @ Gilgal.
 - b) Receive a miracle @ Jericho.

D. JORDAN

- 1. VS 6
- 2. Jordan is the place of transfer.
- 3. Hebrews 11:27
- 4. God wants to be more than a concept in a book.
 - a) He wants to be a reality in your life.

CONCLUSION:

- 1. Vs 8, 12-14
- 2. If you want to be a great Christian...hang out with people who have seen God.