

Passing/Taking up the Anointing:

(2 Kings 2:1-15)

The miracle is rarely about the miracle. It is almost always about kingdom advancement while visibly meeting a need. They are to be used to bring Him glory!

- Here we see God's miraculous hand at work in both the receiving and passing of the anointing of God.
- Both sides of this being handled well can advance the kingdom.
- As both can be disastrous if we step outside of God's will in the process.

2 Kings 2:1-2 (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. And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

Insights:

- God's presence should be at the center of receiving and releasing of anointing to each new generation.
- God tests hearts looking for vessels to receive and release anointing.

Prayer Example:

- Lord, help us to participate with you in receiving and releasing anointing.
- Jesus, test my heart and purify me so that I respond with determination and perseverance as I treasure the anointing you have given me.
- Help me in finding those that I should pass on what you have given me, while helping them mature in the faith.

2 Kings 2:4-8 (ESV)

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

Insights:

- There is a reward for those who faithfully serve under the authority that God has placed over them.
- At times staying faithful to that role can be trying.
- When the time comes to step out under the anointing God has given you it can be both emotional and empowering.

Prayer Example:

- Help me to always serve faithfully under the authority you have placed me under.
- Even when it seems I'm being tested; help keep my heart pure.
- Jesus, my I serve faithfully in the role you have given me while never holding onto a ministry role because it is where I am comfortable when you are calling me to what's next in your service.

2 Kings 2:9-14 (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." And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." 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. And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Insights:

- He we see an example of generational mentorship done as it should be. The mentor leading his God given apprentice with a wonderful balance of instruction and challenge.
- We also see the leader of the next generation remain under authority until God raises the level of his anointing.
- The results, a double portion.

Prayer Example:

- God, grant me the anointing to be a mentor to whom I am called to be.
- Also help me to serve faithfully under those you have placed me under for this season of my life both during times of joy and when it seems I'm being tested.
- My I be found faithful enough to receive and pass on a double portion of your anointing.