

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Anointed

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Introduction

God calls each and every one of us to live an anointed life. In 1 & 2 Kings, we read the story of a man named Elisha, who was anointed by God through Elijah, his predecessor. Prior to his encounter with Elijah, Elisha was an ordinary farmer who was at the back of the pack (1 Kings 19:19). Nothing about his life made him stand out as someone who would be chosen by God. But God had prepared for him the pathway to anointing. Because of his faithfulness and obedience, God worked through Elisha and by the end of his life he had performed twice as many miracles as his mentor, Elijah.

Bible Passage

Reading: 1 Kings 19:19-21, 2 Kings 2:9-15a

Discussion

1. God is not looking for someone who is extraordinary. Instead, He is looking for someone who is obedient. What does faithfulness look like to you? How can you see Elisha's faith and obedience in 1 Kings 19:19-21?
2. Our day-to-day lives consist of areas/things that are placed before us by God. What are those areas/things for you? How can you be more faithful in those areas/things?
3. Elisha spent seven years from the day he met Elijah to the day he was anointed. How do you think time was important in this matter? How has God been preparing you?
4. Read 2 Kings 2:1-8. The pathway to anointing will test our resolve. Distractions and let-downs will still be around, perhaps even more, when we are being prepared by God. What could possibly distract you personally from His anointing? How can you work around that?

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5. In 2 Kings 2:1-6 Elijah took Elisha to four different places. Each of them has a different meaning, but together they paint the bigger picture of God's faithfulness to the Israelites. Where do you see God's work in your life in each of these areas?

- Gilgal: walk away from the past (Joshua 4:20-23)
- Bethel: Ensure you call on the Lord (Genesis 12:8, 35:15)
- Jericho: Remember the victories He has won (Joshua 6:20-21)
- Jordan River: God makes a way when there is no way (Joshua 3:16-17).

Respond

It is God's desire to unleash our potential, for us to see that He is working in our lives. To be able to see that, we have to step into a place of faithfulness and obedience. It might be the time for you to remember your Gilgal, Bethel, Jericho or Jordan River moments. If you feel lost, come back to Him and ask for the fullness of the Holy Spirit. This week, pray and ask Him to show you where you are at in your journey with God.