

Empowering People to Change the World

Living in the Days of Elijah Part 3

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2021: Living in the Days of Elijah

Road Declaration...

Last week:

- I believe we are living in times not unlike the Days of Elijah.
- Map of the owl over Washington DC. We are seeing the underbelly of the beast through the Deep State and the spirit of Baal, Asherah, and Molech behind child sacrifice like <u>abortion</u>, <u>pedophilia</u>, and <u>sex</u> trafficking.
- Elijah is a type of Church God is raising up.
- 1. (Like Elijah) The true Church will speak for God with authority.
- 2. (Like in the time of Elijah) The true Church is a courageous remnant that will not bow down.
- 3. (Like Elijah) The true Church will be fearless in declaring truth.
- 4. (Like Elijah) The true Church will be a people on fire.
- We are God's Temple, God's altar! At Pentecost, the fire fell on the Church!!
- We will only have as much power to confront this world as we are filled with God's. We just don't have enough. We can't do this without God's power.
- We must have families, whole families on fire for God!
- 5. (Like Elijah) The true Church will be warring in believing prayer.
- 6. (Like Elijah) The true Church must find God in the quiet place.

1 Kings 19:11-18

 God is saying to Elijah, "Instead of you complaining about how hard everything is, why don't you get back to work! Start raising up new leaders...I've even got 7,000 wholehearted disciples who have not bended the knee to Baal."

7. The true Church will call out and develop a new breed of leader.

- In this hour, God is calling out a new breed of patriot for our nation and a new breed of worshippers and warriors for God.
- Notice the types of leaders here: political leadership and spiritual leadership.
- Even at this moment, God is speaking to young men and women to be His new breed of leader for the 21st century.
- The Road believes in mentoring young leaders.
 - Everything we do is about discipleship and equipping.
 - 2:42 Community Groups
 - EmpowerU
 - AIM for men and Shine for women

2 Timothy 2:2

"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

- Four generations of wholehearted disciples
- · Leaders who are faithful and can teach
- Paul is telling Timothy to find these men and women and raise them up.

Qualities of the New Breed - An "Elisha Generation of Worshippers and Warriors"

They will have a double anointing from the Lord!

Verse 19

- Notice that Elijah "found" Elisha! He was looking for him. He was searching for him.
- The Church is called to look for and raise up a new breed of leader.

1) New Breed Leader: Faithful Already

- Elisha is a successful farmer! He is plowing with 12 teams of oxen.
 He is driving the twelfth team. He is already being faithful and successful in his work.
- God may have spoken to some of you about how He wants to use you, and you are waiting on Him for the timing. Be faithful in what God has led you into.

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Verse 20a

2) New Breed Leader: Running After God

- Jesus said, "If you want to find your life, you will have to lose your life." It's not about you! It's about Him. Jesus didn't make it easy.
- Elijah doesn't make it easy for Elisha. He throws his mantle over him.
- A cape is first mentioned in the OT as a symbol of the authority of the prophet.
- Elijah is calling out Elisha to become a prophet! This is a big change for Elisha.

Verse 20b

3) New Breed Leader: Honoring Authority

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- Can you see what's happening here? Elisha is honoring his father and mother even though he will be leaving them, leaving the farm.
- This is so big folks. We honor our parents for what they've tried to do in our lives. Honoring our parents is the only command in the Ten Commandments that promises a blessing. "Honor your mother and father, and it will go well for you."
 - This doesn't mean you agree with everything they taught you or even did to you.
 - This doesn't mean you adopt their way of parenting, etc.
 - This doesn't mean all the hurts and pain have been worked out.
 - Martin Luther: To honor is higher than love, because honor has a certain fear within it. We fear/respect them and love them, too.
 - o To honor means we respect them; we speak well of them.
- This is also really about honoring those in authority over you—at your job, at your church.

Verse 21

4) New Breed Leader: Wholehearted Disciple

- Elisha is all in!
- Burn the boats!
 - When Cortez and 600 men landed in Mexico in 1519, he gave the order to "burn the boats."
 - Historical lore has it that Alexander the Great commanded his army to burn the boats when the heavily-outnumbered Greek army hit the shores to battle the Persians.
 - Sun Tzu mentions the same idea in *The Art of War* by his teaching that you must secure victory through preparation before going into battle.

- The idea is that we take out our options that might cause us to quit or compromise, and we throw our lot in with the new vision.
- The wholehearted disciple has a commitment strategy, not an exit strategy.
- When you burn the boats, you are igniting a burning desire to succeed. You have no choice. You win, or you perish.

Verse 21b

5) New Breed Leader: Servant Under Authority

- Elisha would serve Elijah before receiving the mantle of leadership.
- So many just want to jump into leadership without any mentorship in their life.
- This works both ways: the leader should be always looking for their protégé; but the potential leader should be looking for the mentor, too.

2 Kings 2:1-15

6) New Breed Leader: Double Anointing

- Most people never get the double anointing because they don't follow the first five qualities!
- I believe God is raising up a new breed of men and women much more anointed than my generation.
 - o The music has changed. Worship has changed.
 - o Prayer is more intense, more bold, more passionate.
 - God is raising up bold energetic leaders in government, education, church, military...
- The double anointing means that they have a deeper awareness of God's presence and power than even their mentors.

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• I think evil has a double anointing too! As we move into the last days and the coming of the Lord, demonic powers under Satan's leadership will have a double anointing, and the Church will have to put on a new power from the Holy Spirit.

Questions for 2:42 Community Groups

- 1. If you are older, how are you looking for young adults to mentor? If not, why not? You have something to offer.
- 2. If you are younger, are you being discipled/mentored by an older more mature Christian? Why or why not?
- 3. Whatever your age, you can be "the new breed of leader" with a double anointing. Will you go for it?