

A Lesson about Legacy

Read 2 Kings 2: 1-14

Introduction

What does it mean to leave a legacy? Many of us think of our children and grandchildren, and the notion of leaving them an inheritance. Others may think of building a business, or influencing others.

Our legacy is connected to the stewardship of our lives—how we order our life under God so that it is fruitful and productive. Elijah was a man who feared the Lord, so he arranged his life to follow after God—to walk in His ways. Elisha observed this and wanted this same legacy. However, your legacy is not just about your fruitfulness, but the flourishing of your family. The way that you treat your family and your discipleship of those under your care is a clear indication of whether you fear the Lord. Moreover, leaving a legacy means allowing God to use your gifts to impact your church and community for His glory. God's mission is not just to bless us, but to use us in the advancement of His kingdom.

What sort of spiritual inheritance are you leaving to others? How do you invest in people in order to pass along what God has entrusted to you? You cannot give away what you don't have. Do you have a spiritual treasure to pass along to the next generation?

Getting Started

1. What four places did God tell Elijah to go? What was the significance of each of those places?
2. How did Elisha show his loyalty to Elijah?
3. What did Elisha ask for from Elijah as a legacy or inheritance?

Let's Get Personal

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word "legacy"?
2. "If you have eyes to see the spiritual, then you'll get more of God." How can you develop spiritual eyes?
3. Elisha saw Elijah's spiritual depth and connection with God; he longed to have the same thing. Who is someone that you'd say that about? How could you cultivate a relationship with that person to learn from them?

Take the Next Step

1. In his sermon, Dr. Evans pointed out four components of legacy: loyalty, learning, leadership and longing. Which of these resonates most with you? How can you move forward in that area when it comes to leaving a legacy?
2. What legacy will you leave to your family, your church, your community?

Renew Your Mind

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. 2 Kings 2:9
