

Two Questions:

Who will You be In Five Years? If we continue our present course?
Who do we want to be five years from now?

Do you like where you are headed right now?
If Not time to get off the train!

12 months is not enough time

“In The Absence Of A Crisis” (Title of Message Today)

1 Kings 19 (Elisha – Elijah Relationship)

Elisha Follows Elijah

¹⁹ So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who *was* plowing *with* twelve yoke *of* oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him.

Your future is in your hands as you partner with Him!!

²⁰ And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, “Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and *then* I will follow you.”

And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?”

Describe Elijah’s Life!!!! Powerful but not Appealing!!!

Elisha make sure you COUNT THE COST!!!!

²¹ So *Elisha* turned back from him and took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and boiled their flesh, using the oxen’s equipment, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Elisha become Elijah’s Servant for 18 Years

2 Kings 3:11

¹¹ But Jehoshaphat said, “*Is there* no prophet of the Lord here, that we may inquire of the Lord by him?”

So one of the servants of the king of Israel answered and said, “Elisha the son of Shaphat *is* here, who **poured^[a] water on the hands of Elijah.**”

His only job we know of!!!

Elijah is now getting ready to go Home to God and he strikes the river with his jacket (Story)

2 Kings 2:9

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⁹ And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?”

Elisha said, “Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.”

This is what we should always want for the future generations!!!!

Elijah 14 powerful miracles

2 Kings 2:10

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¹⁰ So he said, “You have asked a hard thing. *Nevertheless, if you see me **when I am taken from you***, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so.”

2 Kings 2:11

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¹¹ Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire *appeared* with horses of fire and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

2 Kings 2:12

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¹² And Elisha saw *it*, and he cried out, “My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!” So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces.

2 Kings 2:13

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¹³ He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan.

2 Kings 2:14

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¹⁴ Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said, "Where *is* the Lord God of Elijah?" And when he also had struck the water, it was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over.

This Story Has Three Movements.

A Crisis is an Event That Proves we are ALL capable of Change!!!

If you **had to** you would and will find a way!!!!

You ARE Capable Of Change!!!

In the absence of a crisis, you must create one!!!

"Change Happens When the Pain of staying the same is greater than the pain of change." Tony Robbins

How do we generate an internal crisis?

1. Drastic Action

- a. No Retreat (Burn The Boats)
- b. Quitting Is Not an option
- c. I have no B-Plans
- d. Sir Isaac Newton "First Law of Motion" (Inertia)
 - i. "Every Object will remain at rest or in uniform motion in a straight line unless compelled to change its state by the action of an **external** force."
- e. Everything is LAZY it does not want change.
- f. More Mass = more inertia (Brick...Balloon...Concrete Block...Bed of Nails)
- g. Baptism (Drastic Action)
- h. Fasting (Drastic Action)
- i. Delete some numbers from your phone

2. Steady Progression (18 Years pouring water)

- a. **Epictetus** “No great thing is created suddenly any more than a bunch of grapes or a fig. If you tell me that you desire a fig, I answer you that there must be time. Let it first blossom, then bear fruit, then ripen.”
- b. Sowing and Reaping
- c. Seasons
- d. Generations
- e. **Darren Hardy** “It’s time someone told it to you straight. You’ve been bamboozled for too long. There is no magic bullet, secret formula, or quick fix. You don’t make \$200,000 a year spending two hours a day on the internet, lose 30 lbs. in a week, rub 20 years off your face with a cream, fix your love life with a pill, or find lasting success with any other scheme that is too good to be true.”
- f. **10,000** Hours for tipping point
- g. **John Maxwell** “Improvement doesn’t happen in a day; it must happen daily.”

3. Enjoy Momentum

- a. Need community a team a small group
- b. Object in motion stays in motion
- c. Initial Launch takes more energy than the entire trip
- d. Get the right things set into place and in motion
- e. The Progression....Unbearable, Uncomfortable, Unstoppable

Start With God (Choose)

Walk with God (Choose)

Pursue a Mentor/Coach (Choose)

Ask...Seek...Knock...

Stay Steady

DO NOT QUIT

Surround Yourself with Cheer Leaders

Do Not Make Excuses

Finish The Race