



Finish Well

1 Kings 19:15-21; 2 Kings 2:1-14

Introduction

As we wrap up our look at Elijah, we see Elijah investing himself in the next generation. For several years, Elisha followed Elijah and learned how to walk more closely with the Lord as well as how to serve as a prophet, following in Elijah's footsteps. In a similar way, we need to find ways to invest in and encourage those who are coming behind us, equipping them to take the reins of ministry and serve the Lord in our place.

If we are going to do this effectively, we must make sure we stay faithful to the end. Elijah was sensitive to the Lord's activity, actively following Him, and discipling Elisha up to the very moment God took him home. We should ask God to give us strength to stay strong and obedient to leave a legacy for those whom we are bringing along.

Main Idea:

Bring someone alongside you as you seek to finish well.

Discussion

- 1) Who has God used to help you grow as a disciple? How did they help?
- 2) What was significant about Elijah's mantle?
- 3) Why did Elisha kill the oxen and offer them as a sacrifice? What did that symbolize?
- 4) Why did Elijah keep asking Elisha to turn back? What was God demonstrating in Elisha?
- 5) What sins cause people to not finish well?
- 6) How can we safeguard ourselves to ensure we finish well?
- 7) Who comes to mind when you think of someone who finished their walk with Christ in this life well? What sets them apart?

Application

- 1) What unique gifts, talents, abilities, and experiences has God given you that He wants you to invest in someone else?
- 2) What are the biggest challenges to you personally in finishing well? Commit those areas to the Lord, asking Him to give you strength to fight the fight and finish the course.