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## When Your Hope is Leaking Dry – Dream On!

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*TEXT: 2 KINGS 2-3*

What can you do when your hope is leaking dry? When it feels like others won't give you a break or make you feel invisible? It's not hard to feel like the chaos of life and corruption in this world sucks all the breathable air right out of the room. There is a way through the madness to get to a new day filled with fresh hope.



## NOTES

What can you do when your hope is leaking dry?

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen!”

*Ephesians 3:20-21*

**God is great and has glorious plans for his people now and forever.**

He's revealed his plans through his Word by his Spirit throughout human history. Theologians call this “salvation history”.

- If you have ever felt like your hope is leaking dry... there's something here for you.

- If you know what it feels like for others not to give you a break, like you are invisible and no one sees you... then there's something here for you.

- If you've ever felt like no one believes in you, not even your mentor... God's got something here for you.

- If you've ever felt like the chaos and corruption in this world is sucking all the breathable air right out of the room... there's something here for you.

“Did you (Elisha) know the Lord is going to take your master (Elijah) from you today?”

*2 Kings 2:3, 5*

The time is coming for the mighty prophet, Elijah, to exit this life. People are concerned.

“As surely as the Lord lives and you live, I will not leave you.”

*2 Kings 2:4, 6*

Walk with God for yourself and learn how to do it from someone who's doing it.

- Elijah got his hope from following God's call.
- Elisha got his hope from following someone who was following God's call.

Hope comes from following God's call as people who believe.

When Elijah put his cloak over Elisha, God's prophet was tapping him out into training and service.



“Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye and then I will come with you.” – *Elisha*, 1 Kings 19:20

“Go back. What have I done to you?” – *Elijah*, 1 Kings 19:20b

Elisha chose to say goodbye to his current lifestyle and put it all on the line to follow God's call.

**Hope comes as we go all in to follow God's call.**

**Four sacred locations God called them to:**

- Gilgal – Consecrated in covenant worship to God
- Bethel – Confirmed in God's call into promise
- Jericho – Conquerors by faith that overcomes the world
- The Jordan – Crossing over by God's presence and power

**Hope comes as we find our place in God's plan.**

“What can I do for you before I am taken from you?”  
*2 Kings 2:9*

“Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit.”  
*2 Kings 2:9b*

“You've asked a difficult thing...Yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours – otherwise not.”  
*2 Kings 2:10*

“Suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.”  
*2 Kings 2:11*

“Elisha saw this and cried out, ‘My Father! My Father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!’ And Elisha saw him no more.”  
*2 Kings 2:12*

Elisha picked up the cloak that fell from Elijah in his exit and struck the water of the Jordan River.

“Where now is the Lord God of Elijah?’...when he struck the water it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.”  
*2 Kings 2:14*

**Hope comes when our eyes are on the Master, not the miracle.**



Don't be afraid to ask big, imagine big, dream big with the Lord.  
Paul says, "God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine."  
*Ephesians 3:20*

What are you asking? What are you imagining?  
Step it up! Don't settle for small when the Lord wants you to ask big.  
This new season requires it. The needs of our world, its chaos and corruption, demand it. Our loved ones have got to have it.

### **How do we get there from here?**

- To a new day of divine intervention, of miracle breakthrough?
- Of new beginnings in a world of spiritual decline, moral decay, political division?
- To double-portion blessings in our lives, our nations, our marriages and families?

### **Hope comes when our eyes are on the Master.**

Does the Lord have your focus, your eyes?  
Seek him and the miracles will come when we need them.

### **When all you need is a miracle, with eyes on the Master you'll have what you need.**

What is God wanting you to pray right now?

- Pray for your nation of origin, for the USA, and for God's will be done.
- Start every day with Ephesians 3:20 - now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine...
- Is God calling you to serve, to invite, to follow His call and find new hope?

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Hope comes as we go all in to follow God's call.  
Hope comes as we find our place in God's plan.  
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### **Where is God calling you to new hope today?**

