

## Leadership Transition

Facing Turbulent times with Hope

## Times Of Change

- Any Leadership transition can be difficult
- Be it political or church or family
- 2 Kings 2 brings us to a time of change for the prophet
- The ministry of Elijah and Elisha mark a change in who and how the prophet worked.
- Elijah's began shortly after the separation of Israel from Judah
- Before them, the prophetic role largely fell with political leaders, Moses, Samuel.

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- With the appointment of Kings, the prophetic role fell more on individuals outside of the politics and the temple worship
- It seems Elijah had started a school of prophets- 2:3,5,7
- Now it was time for Elijah to be taken home to Jehovah
- God took Elijah on a tour of significant places in Israel.
- Gidal -1 – Place of beginnings, where Israelites crossed the Jordan. 500 yrs before Joshua led people across
- Bethel -2 - means house of God – sacrifice, fellowship

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- Bethel was where God appeared to Abraham. Gen.12:8  
God met with Elijah in Cherith and Zarephath
- Jericho was a place of battle. vs.4 Israel's first battle in the new land. God led by destroying the city. Josh.6
- Perhaps it reminded Elijah of God's intervention in his battle with Ahab and Jezebel
- Jordan River is sometimes portrayed as a picture of death to self. vs6
- These can be reminders of our walk with God

## Words Of Departure

- At each place the sons of the prophets came and told Elisha God was going to take Elijah away and at Jericho added, "today". 5
- They crossed the on dry ground. Vs.8
- "What shall I do for you?" 9
- "Let there be a double portion of your spirit on me."  
This was a request for the first born portion. He wanted to be the heir of his unique ministry
- If you see me as I am being taken, it shall be so.10

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- As they went on, chariot<sub>s</sub> and horses of fire separated them and a whirlwind took Elijah up into heaven. 11
- This revealed the chariots to Elisha, who would later pray for his servant to see them 2Kings 6:16
- Continuation of the Mantle v.13,14
- "Where is the God of Elijah?"
- Elijah was gone, but God's ministry, through Elisha was just beginning.
- When a man of God dies, nothing of God dies