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God Is Faithful

— The Living Word Series —



Focus on Following



Focus Thought

No matter the distractions, we must choose to focus on following the Lord.

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Focus Verse

II Kings 2:2

And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Beth-el. And Elisha said unto him, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Beth-el.

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Lesson Text

II Kings 2:1–4

1 And it came to pass, when the Lord would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

2 And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Beth-el. And Elisha said unto him, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Beth-el.

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Lesson Text

II Kings 2:1–4

3 And the sons of the prophets that were at Beth-el came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

4 And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.

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Lesson Text

II Kings 2:11–15

11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

13 He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;

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Lesson Text

II Kings 2:11–15

14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the Lord God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.

15 And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

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I. The Lord Sent Elijah Several Places

A. Elijah Told Elisha to Stop Following

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Why do you think Elijah kept offering to let Elisha stay behind?

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I. The Lord Sent Elijah Several Places

- A. Elijah Told Elisha to Stop Following
- B. The Lord Wants to Know If We Will Continue to Follow Him

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Can you recall a time when it seemed as if it would be easier to just stop instead of continuing to follow the Lord? Explain.

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II. Sons of the Prophets Brought Distraction

- A. Elisha Told the Distractions to Be Quiet and He Kept Following
- B. We Must Choose to Focus, Despite the Distractions

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What are some practical things you can do to help avoid distractions?

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III. Elijah Permitted Elisha to Make a Last Request

- A. A Double Portion
- B. God Honors the Prayers of Those Who Follow Him

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IV. Elijah Was Taken Away in a Fiery Chariot

A. Elisha Kept His Eyes on the Mantle

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What are some of the distractions you have seen turn people away from God?

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IV. Elijah Was Taken Away in a Fiery Chariot

- A. Elisha Kept His Eyes on the Mantle
- B. Where Is the Lord God of Elijah?
- C. God's Power Follows Those Who Follow Him

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In what ways does God honor those who are faithful?

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V. No Matter the Distractions, We Must Focus on Following the Lord

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