

Never Look Back

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Elisha was a farmer that became a prophet and a Kingdom builder.

I Kings 19:15-16 - Then the Lord told Elijah, "Go back the same way you came, and travel to the wilderness of Damascus. When you arrive there, anoint Elisha to replace you as my prophet."

I Kings 19:19-21 - So Elijah went and found Elisha plowing a field. There were twelve teams of oxen in the field, and Elisha was plowing with the twelfth team. Elijah went over to him and threw his cloak across his shoulders and then walked away. Elisha left the oxen standing there, ran after Elijah, and said to him, "First let me go and kiss my father and mother good-bye, and then I will go with you!" Elijah replied, "Go on back, but think about what I have done to you." So Elisha returned to his oxen and slaughtered them. He used the wood from the plow to build a fire to roast their flesh. He passed around the meat to the townspeople, and they all ate. Then he went with Elijah as his assistant.

- Elisha saw the call of God on his life, left where he was at, and he ran to the calling.
- He gave up his family and his business to follow God.
- He left nothing that he would go back to.
- He served as Elijah's attendant for 20 years before fulfilling that call.

Luke 9:59-62 - Jesus said to another man, "Follow me." But the man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-by to my family." Jesus replied, "no one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the Kingdom of God." (NIV)

- These men put other things first instead of Jesus, while Elijah burned his business so that he would never look back.
- **Matthew 6:33** - But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- It's about keeping God on the throne of our heart and evicting the idols.

To serve God and put Him first you can use a sentence that starts with "I want..."

Looking back is not having the Kingdom in your heart first. Looking back removes us from the power flow of the Spirit of God. The spirit of power, love and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7).

We must change our thinking from “What am I giving up?” to “What am I missing out on?”

Elisha did double the miracles Elijah did.

In watering others He waters us.

It's not about work we have to do for God, it's about walking in a relationship with Him intimately.