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Lessons on God's Power

What authority Elijah had.

God used him in a might way.

God uses Elijah to confront Ahaziah. (1 Kings 1)

1. Elisha obeyed instantly.

1 Kings 19, Luke 5:27

And there is a time when we see and feel the call of God in our life and we need to walk away from what we have happening and follow the Lord.

Following God always involves a step of faith (1)

We need to obey and come under the mantle and authority of discipleship.

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Stay coachable and learnable—God does all the rest. (3: We have to be open to coaching and teaching.)

2. Elisha followed before he led

This is God's plan—we must follow before we lead (1)

Part of what God was doing here was seeing if Elisha could follow. Can you follow?

But He won't reveal the whole plan to you, only part. The first part!!

Most people do not step out for the Lord because they are afraid of failure.

Think about the people who sincerely seek out the Lord. So don't be afraid to step out in faith when God is leading you.

3. The power and calling is passed on to those who are loyal Jesus is looking for your undivided loyalty.

PRESS IN—Say, Lord, I want your life lived through me.

4. You need to ask for great things

Ministry operates in the realm and power of the Holy Spirit.

Where many people fail is that they think they can get by in ministry like they get by in the world.

Ministry is successful not because of what we do, but because of who He is.

Who do you think put that in your heart? It was Christ.

Maybe God's put something in your heart but you are afraid to ask for it.

If you'll just trust Him

God uses nobodys because their unusual dependence on Him made possible the display of His power and grace. He used somebodys only when they renounced dependence on their natural abilities and resources.

What's your middle name? NOBODY

1Cor. 1:26-31

If you are weak God wants to use you.

If you strong, let me remind you, God uses weak things. The key!

So it speaks of authority as God says "I am your God"

1 Sam 15

So we have this picture of power and authority of belonging to God.

What do you want from the Lord? If you could write down what you want from God, what would it be?

If God is calling you, are you ready to go? Would you leave the oxen as a sacrifice?

God doesn't say follow me and I'll give you a great savings plan.