

## **ELISHA**

(1) Ridiculous Commitment

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### **1 Kings 19:19-21...**

So **Elijah** went from there and found **Elisha** son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. **Elijah** went up to him and threw his cloak around him. 20 **Elisha** then left his oxen and ran after **Elijah**. "Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye," he said, "and then I will come with you." "Go back," **Elijah** replied. "What have I done to you?" 21 So **Elisha** left him and went back. He took his **yoke of oxen** and **slaughtered them**. He **burned the plowing equipment** to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to **follow Elijah** and **became his servant**.

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### **Verse 19...**

So **Elijah** went from there and found **Elisha** son of Shaphat. **He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen**, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. **Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him.**

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**ELISHA... remained FAITHFUL... in the task at hand!**

**GOD LOVES to REWARD THOSE... Who are FAITHFUL in the LITTLE THINGS!**

Those who are **FAITHFUL** with a **LITTLE... He can TRUST with MUCH!**

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### **Verse 19b...**

"Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him."

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### **PRINCIPLE #1...**

**You don't have to UNDERSTAND FULLY... to OBEY IMMEDIATELY!**

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### **Verse 20a...**

Elisha then left his oxen and **RAN AFTER** Elijah...

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**You don't have to UNDERSTAND FULLY... to OBEY IMMEDIATELY!**

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**STOP PLANNING for the FUTURE... START RESPONDING in the PRESENT!**

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**Verse 21...**

So Elisha left him and went back. He took his **yoke of oxen** and **slaughtered them**. He **burned the plowing equipment** to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

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**PRINCIPLE #2...**

**KILL THE COWS and BURN THE PLOWS!**

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**All To Often...**

We consider **FOLLOWING GOD** in a way that would **DISRUPT OUR LIVES...**  
We usually try to **PREQUALIFY** our **OBEDIENCE...** before **TAKING THE FIRST STEP!**

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You'll never be able to step into your **NEW LIFE...**  
Until you **SET FIRE** to **WHATEVER** it is that's **TETHERING** you to your **OLD LIFE!**

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The **REAL RISK** isn't in **LAUNCHING OUT** into a **NEW LIFE** of **GREATER THINGS...**

The **REAL RISK** is **DISOBEYING GOD'S CALL...**  
And **STAYING IN** your **OLD LIFE** of **ORDINARY!**

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The **COST** of **FOLLOWING JESUS** is **GREAT...**  
The **COST** of **NOT FOLLOWING HIM** is **EVEN GREATER!**

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