

## "Elijah's Legacy" Ps. Jim Laffoon

One of the most influential prophets in the O.T.

His greatest legacy is not his prophetic words or the miracles. Before he went, he began the process of transferring his anointing to 3 others:

- Young business man: Elisha
- Young politician: Hazael
- Young military commander: Jehu

EPH 2:10 – "We are God's handiwork created in Christ Jesus to do good works."

- We are not created to simply work, but to do a good work prepared in advance for us to do – to do work that He has prepared someone for what I have to give.
- God has a plan, God has a purpose for us.
- This church is here to help you discover what you have been created to do and equip you to do it.

Elijah was in pain...he had prophesied a drought. God's had was upon the nation in judgment.

- Culminated with confrontation against priests of Baal
- Elijah had done his best, but nothing was changed
- He fled to the wilderness and sought to die.
- He ran to Horeb, the mountain of God's law, to meet with God
- God sent him back to transfer the anointing to 3 different people
  - Elijah doing so would bring change
- Hazael, Jehu and Elisha would be used to bring judgment
  - God's anointing can be on a person for business, leadership, and ministry
  - How does God take anointing and transfer to my life in the circumstances I'm in
  - If anointing is limited to the spiritual leaders, we will not be effective.
- Anointing comes thru encountering God

Jehu's encounters with God

1. He had to define himself in terms of God's perspective & purpose
  - a. He received a word intended by what God wanted him to do
  - b. Will I be defined by what my parent's say, or by what God's word says; by my pain, or God's definition of who I am.
  - c. Will you believe what God says about you? From the Bible, from a pod cast, where ever we find God's word to us.
  - d. Jehu had to face what God says about us
2. We have to face what has mastered our soul – pain, rejection, generational domination, depression, etc.

- a. We've all had something that has mastered us, to crush us
  - b. Yet Jehu goes with the intent to overcome his commander
  - c. He realized he was where God spoke judgment
  - d. What gave him courage to overcome the despot, the oppressor on the spot of God's word
  - e. We must bring our oppression to the spot of God's word, God's promise – bring what has mastered us to the spot of God's word, nothing can stand against us.
  - f. We must put things on the plot of God's word. We have to lay difficulty of the promise of God's word. Regardless of what we are facing...lay it on the "plot" of God's word.
3. How will my moral compass be. Jehu went after Jezebell
- a. Sooner or later we'll face something too big for us. We cannot resist everything we face.
  - b. "Who is on my side?" Who is around us that is on our side – who is to stand with us.
  - c. We need to stand with spiritual family. Who do you call to help you defeat what is oppressing you.
4. Jehu had become the leader, the "man of the hour". He now faced the seduction of success...will you stay close there in that place?
- a. Success must instill fear in us;
  - b. Jehonadab had resisted the cultural influence – don't drink wine.
  - c. Jehu drew Jehonadab into his counsel to confirm what he was doing.
  - d. Slow you life down and pull in the counsel and perspective that is needed.
  - e. The things that test us the most will be our success.

The legacy we leave is our children & our children's children. It is our ability to receive the anointing that God has for us to receive and walk in.