



## DGM Message Summary: My Father, My Father!

**Message Summary:** We are not products of our environments, but our choices. We must make a choice to move on with God and be committed to that decision, then God will move in our lives.

### Scriptural References:

**1 Kings 19:15**

**1 Kings 19:17**

**2 Kings 2:12**

### Key Points:

The Lord said to Elijah after you struggle you have to get back in the game.

He gave Elijah three instructions:

- Go into the wilderness of Damascus and influence neighboring nations.
- Don't forget to tend to kingdom matters.
- Anoint Elisha as prophet in your place. Leaders help the new generation.

Elisha and Elijah operated a different covenant.

We are not just products of our environments, but of our choices.

You can't build a house where God want you to build a tent.

How far you go is dependent on what you're willing to leave behind.

Elijah made a choice to move on with God as his next step in life.

Two of the key ingredients in moving on with God:

- Desire: You've got to want to do it.
- Backbone: You have to stand behind your decision to do what God wants you to do.

It's said we have 3 choices: watch things happen; wonder what happened; make things happen.

Elijah decided to make things happen so the rest of his life had purpose.

Elijah found Elisha plowing with 12 yoke of oxen, which was a sign of wealth.

Often you can't grow without pain.

Elijah threw Elisha a mantle. He had to be rough to see that Elisha was tough enough.

- Tough times require tough people.
- The Bible says endure harness as a soldier for Jesus Christ.

Elijah saw the chariot and cried out to Elisha: "My Father, My Father!"

- Elisha considered himself Elijah's Son.
- He left his oxen and ran after Elijah.

When God moves you have to learn to move, even if you don't care for the packaging.

- An opportunity of a lifetime only lasts the lifetimes of the opportunity.
- Don't wait for all the stars to line up. Just do it when God says do it.

Elisha kissed his parents and left his them behind to focus on his future following Elijah.

- You can't go into the future connected with the past.
- A divided heart can never focus.
- Focus is where the power is.
- God's greatest blessings come in human packages.

Elijah told Elisha his commitment can't first be with him but with God.

- If it's important to you, you'll find a way. If it's not you'll find an excuse.
- If you're looking to find a new way God will make a way out of no way.

We have to learn to follow before you lead.

One of the best ways, to become a Good dad is by being a good son.

- If your natural father isn't there you are the son of the Most High.
- Elisha did twice as many miracles as Elijah.
- If you want a double portion, serve the last generation before you