



### 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 didn't give up.
- He gave Elijah 3 instructions:
  - Go into the wilderness of Damascus and influence neighboring nations.
  - Don't forget to tend to kingdom matters, as well.
  - 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, a sign of wealth, lots of land, and work ethic.
  - Often you can't grow without pain. If you say ouch, don't forget to say Amen

- Elijah threw Elisha a mantle. He had to be rough to know tht Elisha was tough enough.
  - Tough times require tough people.
  - The Bible says endureth harness as a soldier for Jesus Christ.
- Elijah saw the chariot and cried out to Elijah: “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. You have to let some things go.
  - A divided heart can never focus. Focus is where the power is.
  - God’s greatest blessings come in human packages.
  - Elijah was what Elisha needed.
- 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.
  - No is only a test to see how much you want it .
- Elisha took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them, showing his commitment, then followed Elijah.
- 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 you might have to serve the last generation before you