

CHIEF MINISTRIES

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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I pray all of you have been busy about the Father's business. I believe I have and yet sometimes I feel like it's never enough. And His love has reprimanded me, "Just stay faithful" He says. "If you fall, get up and stay faithful." Trust me, I've tripped, stumbled, hit-the-deck, fallen and yet, I've gotten back up again realizing His love is a powerful thing!

I've just had the privilege of a Kairos reunion and it was a day of food, fun and fellowship with men whom have been chosen by God - just like you! Don't let the weight of sin get you off balance. Get a dose full of love and accountability from like - spirited men who are tired of the norm, tired of just getting by. He's called us to victorious living. And He's called us to move forward. Elisha was called to ministry by God and prepared by Elijah. In 2 Kings 2:3-5, the sons of the prophets came and tried to discourage Elisha, but he wouldn't let them distract him from the taste of God's ways and would not settle for anything less. There was no going back! There will always be those around you who will try and hold you back. Afraid of anything outside of their religious "box", they believe it's their duty to discourage you from venturing forward in faith. These arguments and discouragements are usually excuses designed to conceal someone's own insecurities. This happens in the chairs or pews of every chapel and every church and sadly, sometimes it comes out of the pulpits of pastors and chaplains. Some who are uncomfortable with a move of God's spirit would impact these men who are driven by fear. We won't move into a greater freedom of seeing men filled with the Holy Spirit, healings, deliverances, or salvations without the presence of the Lord.

His word is lifeless without His presence. We need to activate the praise within us and be a people of praise. Psalms 149:6-9 says: *"Let the high praise of God be in their mouths and a two-edged sword in their hand, to execute vengeance on the nations and their nobles with fether of iron, to execute on them the judgment written, this is an honor for all His godly ones."* Praise the Lord! Praising people are powerful people! Praise is the highest expression of faith we can give to God in the face of spiritual battle. It demonstrates our reliance; not on our own abilities but on the strength of God. There are so many things I know God needs to change around me, people, attitudes, false authority, spiritual bondage, yet I am no match for the enemy. No, not on my own, but praise releases the presence of God. In Isaiah 53:12 the spirit of the Lord declares *Christ will divide the spoils of battle among the strong* and Ephesians 6:10 says to *"be strong in the Lord!"*

The sons of the prophets were not participants in God's move, they were spectators. II Kings 2:7-8 says *Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them,*

as they both were standing by the Jordan. 8 Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground (ESV). Jordan means descender, one who goes down. It can mean death or transition. This is where the sons of the prophets wouldn't follow, they watched from a distance. From Jordan, Elijah would be transported to Heaven. It was time for Elisha to leave behind his ministry and fulfill his new ministry, without his mentor. Are you ready to step out in faith? I assure you I've come to the Jordan here recently and I'm crossing over to receive the double-portion that God has promised! The Jordan was where Jesus was baptized. Its' when heaven was opened and the Spirit descended. God's presence (the Ark of the Covenant) went down to part the Jordan for His people to go to the Promised Land.

Living out our life in Christ requires on-going choices. This is called sanctification. What is the full intent of the cross? Philippians 3:10-11 says "*That I may know Him (as Elisha knew Him) and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings (the Jordan), being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.*" It's time to move on to some meat men - spiritually speaking. Like the sons of the prophets, don't choose to go only so far and no further. Don't resist moving forward. Don't hang on to old ways, beliefs and sins hidden in your heart. Clean out the closet men and embrace the journey to Jordan. This experience each of us must face alone. It's an intimate place where God gets personal and particular with us. Get rid of the distractions, take His word and slice through them: *For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)*

Fall in love with the giver of life and the gifts. Be holy! Don't stand at a distance from your Jordan, let's advance to its banks with Elisha and allow God to move in all His fullness and through our lives. Be blessed men of God.

Be willing to cross the Jordan!

Arise & lets' go!

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