



Faith That Goes Forward

Week 2

Day 1: Burning the Plows

Reading: 1 Kings 19:19-21

Elisha did not ease into his calling. When the mantle fell on his shoulders, he burned his equipment and left his former life behind completely. There was no safety net, no backup plan. This kind of all-in commitment is uncomfortable precisely because it is irreversible. Yet God rarely moves powerfully in the lives of those who keep one foot in the old life. Consider what you are still holding onto that may be preventing you from moving forward. True faith is not cautious. It burns the plows and trusts that God will provide what comes next.

Reflection: What "plows" in your life have you been unwilling to burn? What would full surrender actually look like for you this week?

Application: Identify one specific area where you have been holding back from God. Write it down and pray a prayer of intentional surrender over it today.

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Day 2: The Servant's Path to Greatness

Reading: John 13:3-17

On the night before the cross, Jesus knelt on the floor and washed dirty feet. The disciples argued about rank while their Lord took the lowest position in the room. Jesus was not confused about his identity when he picked up that towel. He knew exactly who he was, and that is precisely why he could serve without shame. Greatness in God's kingdom is never measured by position, recognition, or applause. It is measured by willingness to serve people who may never thank you, in places where no one is watching, doing work that feels far beneath your potential.

Reflection: In what relationships or environments do you resist serving because it feels beneath you? How might God be calling you to pick up a towel?

Application: Perform one act of intentional, anonymous service for someone in your life today. Do not tell anyone about it.

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Day 3: Faithful in the Forgotten Season

Reading: Zechariah 4:10 and Luke 16:10

Elisha spent years being known simply as the man who poured water on Elijah's hands. That was his reputation. That was his title. By every visible measure, nothing significant was happening. Yet God was doing something invisible in those quiet years of faithfulness. The seasons that feel like delays are often the seasons of deepest formation. God is not wasteful. He does not allow faithful, hidden obedience to go unused. What feels like a forgotten chapter may in fact be the most important chapter of your story. The foundation being laid in obscurity will one day hold the weight of what God is building.

Reflection: Are you in a season that feels silent or stalled? What would it look like to trust God's process rather than demanding his timeline?

Application: Journal about one area of your life where you have been waiting. Ask God to show you what he may be building in you during this waiting period.

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Day 4: Greater Things, Not Personal Greatness

Reading: John 14:12-14

Jesus promised that those who believe in him would do greater things than he himself did during his earthly ministry. This is one of the most staggering promises in all of Scripture. Yet the disciples, on the very night Jesus spoke these words nearby, were arguing about who among them was the greatest. It is remarkably easy to be so consumed with your own ranking that you miss what God is actually doing around you. The promise of greater things is not a promise of personal fame. It is an invitation to participate in something far larger than yourself, something that outlasts your name.

Reflection: Where in your life are you more focused on personal advancement than on what God wants to do through you for others?

Application: This week, intentionally invest time or energy into helping someone else reach their goal without expecting anything in return.

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Day 5: Prepared for the Double Portion

Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-15

Elisha asked for a double portion and God delivered. But between the burning of the plows and the falling of the mantle, there were years of quiet preparation. Opportunity without preparation is a disaster waiting to happen. God is not withholding the greater things out of indifference. He is often withholding them out of mercy, waiting until the character required to carry them has been developed. The pressure, the humility, the disappointment, and the obscurity are not punishments. They are preparation. Do not despise the process. The very things that feel like they are breaking you may be the things that are making you ready for what God has always intended.

Reflection: What pressures or disappointments in your current season might God be using to prepare you for something greater? How can you cooperate with that process rather than resist it?

Application: Spend fifteen minutes in prayer today, specifically thanking God for the difficult parts of your current season. Ask him to reveal what he is building in you through them.