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Where is the God of Elijah?

When God takes you to a new place where you have to trust Him.

"He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it." (1 Thessalonians 5:24)

We have two callings in Christ: a heavenly calling and an earthly calling.

📖 2 Kings 2:1-14

Philippians 3:14 "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

❖ We have both a heavenly calling for eternal Glory and an earthly calling to walk in.

↪ We are to grow in our earthly calling to love, follow, and serve Christ, depending upon His power and spirit to accomplish the ministries he has called us to, while we *each* await our eternal reward.

Colossians 1:28-29 "Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all His energy that He powerfully works within me."

Our Heavenly Calling to Glory

❖ Elijah's ascension

2 Kings 2:11-12 *"And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it and he cried, 'My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' And he saw him no more."*

Philippians 1:23b "My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better."

Matthew 25:23 "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'"

2 Corinthians 5:8 "Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord."

❖ Heaven is our reward, rest, and glory.

↪ Elijah's ascension points to the glory awaiting faithful followers of Christ.

↪ The mantle passes to the next generation, reminding us to train others, remember God's works, and walk in His power.

↪ God gives us the same resources in Christ as those who have gone before us.

Our Earthly Calling to serve Christ

❖ Elisha taking up Elijah's mantle

2 Kings 2:13-14 “And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, “Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?” And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other; and Elisha went over.”

Ephesians 2:10 “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Philippians 1:22 “If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell.”

Romans 8:17a “and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ...”

1 Peter 4:10 “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:”

1 Corinthians 12:11 “All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apports to each one individually as He wills.

❖ Our earthly calling is to humility, service, and growth, fulfilled in dependence on God.

➤ Elijah and Elisha together illustrate Christ and the Church:

✦ Elisha requested a double portion of Elijah's Spirit.

✦ Elisha continued Elijah's ministry, empowered by God's Spirit, reflecting the Church's mission as co-heirs with Christ and children of God. Christ also ascended and left us to continue His ministry on earth.

❖ We are co-heirs with Christ, called to serve others and reflect His love, in His power.

Our Calling as Seasonal Workers requires that we continue to grow in knowing God and in learning to follow Him.

❖ Elijah and Elisha's journey through

📖 2 Kings 2:1-8

✦ **Gilgal:** A place of **new beginnings** (Joshua 4:19-20).

✦ **Bethel:** A place of **recommitment and promise** (Genesis 28:11-19).

✦ **Jericho:** A place of **faith and obedience** (Joshua 6:1-20). Die to our own ability to enter God's promises and inheritance. Follow Christ even when it is foolishness to the world.

✦ **Jordan:** A place to **claim your inheritance by faith**, dying to self that we might be raised with Christ.

Philippians 3:10-11 “that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.”

John 14:12 “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.”

Philippians 3:14 “I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”