

CHOOSING THE *Extraordinary* LIFE

ELIJAH'S 7 SECRETS FOR
SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

SECRET #7:
LIVING WITH THE END IN MIND
2 KINGS 2:1-15

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Introduction: Those who want to live significant lives keep one eye on the clock and the other on the calculator so they can determine how to make the most impact during their limited time on earth. Today we are going to begin looking at Elijah's seventh secret for an extraordinary life: "Living with the end in mind."

I. Death: Certain...and Soon (Hebrews 9:27, Psalm 139:16)

Hebrews 9:27 "And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment."

Psalm 139:16 "...In Thy book were all written, the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them."

II. The Right Perspective: Your Past Is Prologue to Your Future (Isaiah 51:1)

Isaiah 51:1b "Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug."

A. Gilgal: The Place of Beginning (2 Kings 2:1)

2 Kings 2:1 "And it came about when the LORD was about to take up Elijah by a whirlwind to heaven, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal."

B. Bethel: The Place of Prayer (2 Kings 2:2)

2 Kings 2:2 “And Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Stay here please, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.’ But Elisha said, ‘As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So they went down to Bethel.”

C. Jericho: The Place of Battle (2 Kings 2:4)

2 Kings 2:4 “Elijah said to him, ‘Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.’ But he said, ‘As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So they came to Jericho.”

D. The Jordan River: The Place of Departure (2 Kings 2:6)

2 Kings 2:6 “Then Elijah said to him [Elisha], ‘Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.’ And he said, ‘As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So the two of them went on.”

2 Kings 2:11 “Then it came about as they [Elijah and Elisha] were going along and talking, that behold, there appeared a chariot of fire and horses of fire which separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind to heaven.”

III. What The Past Teaches About The Future (2 Kings 2:14)

2 Kings 2:14 “...Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?...”

A. God's Power Is Not Limited to a Particular Time or Place

(Hebrews 13:8)

Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yes and forever."

B. God's Power Is Not Limited to a Particular Person (2 Kings 2:15)

2 Kings 2:15a "Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho opposite him saw him, they said, 'The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.'"

Conclusion