

*The Call of Elisha:
A Man with a Passion for Power*

1 Kings 19:19-21

I. Elisha's Call from the Lord

1Kings 19:19

A. The Lord knew Elisha before Elijah arrived. (v.16)

1 Peter 1:2, *elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father...*

B. The Lord called Elisha before Elijah announced it.

Ephesians 1:4, *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,*

⁴just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love...

Phil. 3:13-14 *Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,*

¹⁴I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

C. The Lord used Elijah to tell Elisha of His call.

"Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 9:17).

D. The Lord called Elisha to service, when he was busy.

- Phil. 1:6, being confident of this very thing that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

E. God's call often demands that we leave worldly success and pursuits behind to serve Him.

II. Elisha's Conflict as he Considered God's Call (v.20)

- A. The Call of God always creates a conflict in our lives.
- B. Elisha's many problems as he considered God's call.
- C. This is the battle that many people lose.

III. Elisha's Consecration That Emerged from His Conflict v.21

- A. Elisha decided that God would be first in his life.**
- B. Elisha made his commitment public.**

How will you respond to God's call on your life?

Will you count all things as loss for Christ?

Will you publicly declare your surrender today?