

ALL SAINTS CATHEDRAL-THURSDAY LUNCH HOUR PRAYER SESSION

TOPIC: PURSUING YOUR DESTINY BY FAITH

TEXT: 2 KINGS 2:1-16

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Insights shared from the text

1. Regardless of how gifted or endowed a person is, to make progress towards destiny, everyone needs the fellowship and help of another especially during times of hardship, the kind that had befallen Elijah following the exploits on Mount Carmel that God had accomplished through him (1 Kings 18:36-40) and the subsequent threats against his life by Jezebel which made him flee for his life and contemplate death as a result of discouragement (1 Kings 19:2-4)
2. Self-centeredness, the kind that Elijah had developed limits us from seeing the bigger picture and cripples our passion for the achievement of God's purposes for our lives (1 Kings 19:10)
3. God leads us into fellowship with specific people together with whom his purposes for our lives can be realized, just the way he instructed Elijah to find Elisha, Hazel and Jehu. Each one of these had been specifically chosen to ensure that God's destined purpose for Elijah's ministry is realized one way or another (1 Kings 19:15-17)
4. Shared tasks and burdens are more bearable. Elijah found Elisha and placed his mantle, representing his ministry responsibility upon Elisha. In the same way, the Lord encourages us to bear one another's burdens and also to come to him with our burdens and heavy load so we can have rest. In so doing, the responsibility becomes easy and the burden becomes light.
5. Elisha committed himself to serving Elijah and to the Master no matter what. With such an unwavering commitment to servanthood, we make progress towards our individual destinies, a fulfillment of what the Lord said that the greatest among us is the servant of all.
6. Our commitment to servanthood will be tested, just the way Elisha's commitment to service was tested when he was told to stay back a number of times by Elijah who was on a journey to eternity (2 Kings 2:1-2;4;6). Elisha reaffirmed his commitment to service more than once, an indicator of his

loyalty and faithfulness which are vital for anyone to accomplish the purposes of God and realize divine Destiny.

7. Many voices come our way to distract us from the pursuit of our divine destiny, at times from those who we hold in high esteem, just the way the sons of the prophets tried to influence Elisha with their statements. Elisha's decision to disregard their statements is a lesson to us to only believe what God says and disregard any other contrary voice .(2Kings 2:3;5)
8. Elisha's practical way of life through service, loyalty and dedication reflect a life of faith with works, compared to the sons of the prophets who were hearers of the word but not doers. He realized his Destiny as a prophet because he was a man of faith with works.
9. Elisha's consistence in service and persistence regardless of the negative voices from the sons of the prophets qualified him for a deeper experience which he was ushered in when Elijah struck the Jordan with the mantle. In like manner, one's faithfulness and perseverance in pursuing God will bring one into a deeper experience with the Lord.
10. At a deeper level of one's walk with God, one's prayer focus is refined to focus on those things that are of heavenly value. Elisha's prayer following his crossing the Jordan with Elisha was to receive a double portion of the Spirit upon Elijah in order for him to fulfill God's purposes for him, thereby achieving his destiny.(2 Kings 2:9). We need to come to a level in our walk with God where our pursuit is the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, his will, then all other things will be added to us (Matthew 6:33)