



The Calling of Elisha: Responding to God's Call



Explore the powerful story of Elisha's calling through Elijah's cloak and discover how God calls and equips us to serve.



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Introduction

The story of Elisha's calling by Elijah is a powerful narrative that captures the heart of God's purpose for our lives. It is a story of divine appointment, transformation, and obedience. In 1 Kings 19, we meet Elisha, a simple farmer, who is called to leave behind his plowing and his old life to follow Elijah and become a prophet himself. The handing of Elijah's cloak to Elisha is a symbolic and tangible moment that reveals God's method of calling and empowering those He chooses.

As we explore this story over the next seven days, *we'll see how God's call often interrupts our everyday routines*, inviting us to step into an adventure of faith. The cloak itself is significant — it is a mantle of authority and responsibility, representing the passing on of God's mission. Elisha's immediate response to the call demonstrates an obedience that is both awe-inspiring and challenging.

Throughout this journey, you will be encouraged to reflect on your own calling. How does God speak to you? Are you ready to respond with the same readiness and passion that Elisha displayed? This study is not only about looking back on a biblical event but about connecting it to your life today. The God who called Elisha is actively calling us, equipping us by His Spirit to accomplish His purposes. **Let's walk through this ancient yet ever-relevant story** to discover what it means to be truly called, to surrender to God's plan, and to step forward in faith, empowered by His presence.





Day 1: The Symbol of the Cloak



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Your Verse

1 Kings 19:19 – So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him.

Supporting Scriptures

- *2 Kings 2:13 – He picked up the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.*
- *Hebrews 13:20 – Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep,...*



Day 1: 📖 The Symbol of the Cloak

Devotional: The Cloak: Symbol of Calling and Authority

The cloak Elijah threw over Elisha is more than just a piece of clothing; it's a powerful symbol of God's calling and authority. By placing his cloak on Elisha, Elijah was not only marking him as his successor but also passing on the responsibility to continue God's work.

The moment Elisha had the cloak laid on him, everything changed. He was invited into a new identity as a prophet and a leader. This shows us that when God calls us, He often gives us a symbol or a sign to confirm our new role. It might not be a literal cloak, but it could be a skill, a relationship, or a new opportunity that confirms His plan.

What is the 'cloak' in your life that signifies God's calling? Are you recognizing the signs God is giving you and trusting that He is leading you to something greater? Like Elisha, we must be willing to receive this mantle and embrace the journey ahead.



Day 1:  The Symbol of the Cloak

Reflect and Apply

1. What might God's 'cloak' look like in your current life situation?

2. How do you discern when God is calling you to a new purpose?

3. Are you willing to accept the responsibilities that come with God's call?



Day 1:  The Symbol of the Cloak

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time when you felt God calling you to something new.

2. Describe what symbols or signs you think God might be using to guide you now.

3. Reflect on how you react when God's call interrupts your routine.



Day 1: 📖 The Symbol of the Cloak

Prayer for Today

Lord, help me to recognize Your call in my life. Give me eyes to see the symbols and signs You place before me, and a heart willing to embrace the new roles You have for me. Empower me to receive Your authority with humility and courage. Strengthen me to walk faithfully, like Elisha, and trust that You will equip me every step of the way. In Jesus' name, *Amen*.





Day 2: 🚜 Leaving the Plow Behind



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Your Verse

1 Kings 19:20 - Then Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye," he said, "and then I will come with you." Then Elijah let him go.

Supporting Scriptures

- *Luke 9:62 - Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."*
- *Philippians 3:13 - Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,*



Day 2: 🚧 Leaving the Plow Behind

Devotional: Responding to God's Call with Urgency

Elisha's decision to leave his plow symbolizes a pivotal moment of obedience and surrender. When God calls us, it often means leaving behind what is familiar, comfortable, or secure. Elisha's immediate response shows the readiness and trust required to follow God's call fully.

He didn't delay unnecessarily; yet he made provisions to say goodbye to his parents. This balance between urgency and responsibility is something we can learn from. God's call disrupts our priorities and invites us to refocus on His mission.

What 'plows' are you being invited to leave behind? Is there anything holding you back from responding fully to God's call? This passage challenges us to examine our willingness to let go of old attachments and step out in faith into the unknown.



Day 2: 🚧 Leaving the Plow Behind

Reflect and Apply

1. What comforts or routines might God be asking you to leave behind?

2. How do you balance obligations to family and faith commitments as Elisha did?

3. What fears or doubts arise when you consider fully following God's call?



Day 2: 🚗 Leaving the Plow Behind

Journaling Prompts

1. Identify areas where you feel called to change but are hesitant to act.

2. Write a letter to God expressing your willingness or struggles to follow Him.

3. Reflect on how you can prepare yourself spiritually to respond with readiness.



Day 2: 🚒 Leaving the Plow Behind

Prayer for Today

Lord, give me the courage to leave behind anything that hinders me from following You fully. Teach me to discern what is truly essential and to prioritize Your calling above all else. Help me to trust Your guidance even when the path is unclear. May I respond with faith like Elisha, leaving my old life to embrace Your plans. In Jesus' name, *Amen*.





Day 3: 🔥 The Fire of God's Presence



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Your Verse

2 Kings 2:9 – When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?” “Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied.

Supporting Scriptures

- *Isaiah 6:8 – Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” “Here am I. Send me!” I said.*
- *Acts 1:8 – But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*



Day 3: 🔥 The Fire of God's Presence

Devotional: Empowered by God's Spirit for Service

Elisha's request for a double portion of Elijah's spirit shows his desire to be empowered for greater service. He recognized that the calling was not just about a title or position but about the power and presence of God working through him.

When God calls us, He also equips us with His Spirit to fulfill the mission. This 'fire' is not our own strength but a divine empowerment that enables boldness, wisdom, and endurance. Elisha's boldness to ask for a double portion shows his faith that God's presence would be sufficient.

Do you seek God's Spirit to empower you in your calling? Are you ready to ask for more of His presence and power in your life, trusting that He will enable you to do what He has called you to do?



Day 3: 🔥 The Fire of God's Presence

Reflect and Apply

1. How do you experience God's presence empowering you today?

2. What does it look like for you to ask God for a 'double portion' of His Spirit?

3. In what areas of your life do you need God's empowerment to follow His call?



Day 3: 🔥 The Fire of God's Presence

Journaling Prompts

1. Describe moments when you felt God's power working through you.

2. Write a prayer asking God for greater anointing and boldness.

3. Reflect on how reliance on God's Spirit can change your perspective on challenges.



Day 3: 🔥 The Fire of God's Presence

Prayer for Today

Holy Spirit, fill me anew with Your power and presence. Help me recognize that any calling from God is accompanied by Your strength. Equip me to face challenges boldly and to carry out the tasks You have set before me. May I always lean on Your guidance and grace. In Jesus' name, *Amen*.





Day 4: Crossing the Jordan



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Your Verse

2 Kings 2:8 – Then Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

Supporting Scriptures

- *Joshua 3:17 – The priests who carried the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.*
- *Exodus 14:21 – Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land.*



Devotional: God Makes a Way Through Boundaries

The crossing of the Jordan River after Elijah struck the water with his cloak is a key moment showing God's power to make a way where there seems to be none. This act confirmed Elisha's inheritance of Elijah's prophetic authority and symbolized the transition into a new season.

God often calls us to step across spiritual, emotional, or physical boundaries that seem impossible to cross. But His power makes a way even in the most difficult situations. Like the Israelites crossing the Jordan and the Red Sea, God is faithful to provide safe passage.

What 'Jordan River' do you need God's power to overcome today? Trust in His presence as you face challenges. The cloak represents the authority and power Christians have through Jesus Christ—embrace it and step forward confidently.



Day 4:  Crossing the Jordan

Reflect and Apply

1. What barriers in your life seem as impossible as crossing a river?

2. How can you rely on God rather than your own strength in difficult times?

3. Where have you experienced God's miraculous provision before?



Journaling Prompts

1. Recall a time when God made a way for you unexpectedly.

2. Write about areas where you need God's 'cloak' empowerment now.

3. List steps you can take in faith to move forward despite obstacles.



Day 4: 🌊 Crossing the Jordan

Prayer for Today

Father, thank You for making a way where there seems to be no way. Help me to trust Your power over my life's barriers and challenges. Give me boldness to cross into new territory, confident that You go before me. May Your presence be my guide and strength each day. In Jesus' name, *Amen*.





Day 5: 🔥 The Mantle Passed On



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Your Verse

2 Kings 2:13 – He picked up the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.

Supporting Scriptures

- *Philippians 2:5 – In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:*
- *2 Timothy 1:6 – For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.*



Day 5: 🔥 The Mantle Passed On

Devotional: Embracing God's Calling and Legacy

When Elijah was taken up to heaven, his cloak fell to Elisha, symbolizing the transfer of prophetic authority and God's blessing. This moment illustrates that when God calls, He calls us into a legacy of faith and empowerment.

This story challenges us to be ready to take up the mantle—responsibilities and gifts God entrusts to us for His kingdom. Just as Elisha claimed the cloak, we embrace God's calling to serve with passion and dedication.

Are you ready to pick up your mantle? What gifts or responsibilities has God placed before you? May this inspire us to step boldly into all that God has prepared.



Day 5: 🔥 The Mantle Passed On

Reflect and Apply

1. What responsibilities has God entrusted you with in your current season?

2. How can you intentionally fan into flame the gifts God has given you?

3. What legacy do you want to leave in your faith journey?



Day 5: 🔥 The Mantle Passed On

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about what 'picking up your mantle' means to you personally.

2. Describe how you can nurture and grow the gifts God has given you.

3. Reflect on mentors or spiritual leaders who have passed blessings to you.



Day 5: 🔥 The Mantle Passed On

Prayer for Today

Lord, I accept the mantle You offer. Help me to walk in faithfulness and courage, carrying the gifts and responsibilities You have given me. May I be a faithful steward of Your call, growing in passion and wisdom daily. Empower me to impact others for Your glory. In Jesus' name, *Amen*.





Day 6: ✨ Miracles and Ministry Begin



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Your Verse

2 Kings 2:14 – He took the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and struck the water. ‘Where now is the Lord, the God of Elijah?’ he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.

Supporting Scriptures

- *Mark 16:17 – And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons...*
- *John 14:12 – Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these...*



Day 6: ✨ Miracles and Ministry Begin

Devotional: Stepping Boldly into God's Miraculous Work

Elisha's first miracle, dividing the Jordan with Elijah's cloak, confirmed his prophetic authority and God's continuing work through him. This marked the beginning of a new ministry filled with miracles and bold declarations.

God's calling is not just a title or role but an active participation in His kingdom through signs and wonders, demonstrations of His power to confirm His word. We too are called to live out our faith boldly, trusting God to work through us in extraordinary ways.

How can you step into your ministry boldly? What miracles—big or small—is God inviting you to participate in? This day reminds us that God equips and empowers His servants to impact the world around them.



Day 6: ✨ Miracles and Ministry Begin

Reflect and Apply

1. What evidence of God's power have you witnessed recently?

2. How does knowing God works through you change your daily actions?

3. Are you willing to trust God for miracles in your life and ministry?



Day 6: ✨ Miracles and Ministry Begin

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time God showed up powerfully in your life.

2. Describe how you can be bold in your faith community this week.

3. List practical ways to depend more on God's power daily.



Day 6: ✨ Miracles and Ministry Begin

Prayer for Today

Father, empower me to live boldly for You. Let Your power and presence be evident through me, bringing hope and transformation. Strengthen my faith to trust in Your miraculous work and to serve with confidence. May my life be a testimony of Your greatness. In Jesus' name, *Amen*.





Day 7: Reflecting God's Call Today



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Your Verse

Romans 12:1 – Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Supporting Scriptures

- *Ephesians 4:1 – As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.*
- *Micah 6:8 – He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*



Day 7:  Reflecting God's Call Today

Devotional: Living Out God's Call with Heart and Faith

After reflecting on Elisha's calling, it's essential to apply the lessons personally. God calls each of us uniquely, and responding means offering ourselves fully as living sacrifices.

Our daily worship is found in living out our calling with integrity, humility, and love. The journey of obedience is ongoing. Like Elisha, we must remain focused and committed to God's purpose, trusting His mercy and grace to sustain us.

How will you respond today to your personal calling? What steps can you take to walk humbly, act justly, and love mercy as you serve God? Let Elisha's story inspire you to move forward with faith and dedication.



Day 7: 🕊 Reflecting God's Call Today

Reflect and Apply

1. What does living as a 'living sacrifice' mean in your daily life?

2. How can you pursue humility and justice in fulfilling God's call?

3. In what ways can you show mercy and love as part of your service?



Day 7: 🕊 Reflecting God's Call Today

Journaling Prompts

1. Reflect on your unique calling and how you want to serve God.

2. Write about practical ways to grow in faith and obedience daily.

3. Make a commitment list of actions to follow God's call more fully.



Day 7: 🕊️ Reflecting God's Call Today

Prayer for Today

God, I offer myself fully to Your service. Teach me to walk humbly and act justly, to love mercy, and to pursue Your will with passion. May my life reflect Your glory as I live out the calling You have placed on my heart. Strengthen me to stay faithful and obedient all my days. In Jesus' name, *Amen*.





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