

God's Work Goes On

Christians agree that the work of the Lord is important. We often wonder, “If I’m not around to do it, who will?” Yet many of us struggle with over-scheduling and repeatedly find ourselves over-committed. Let's study the end of Elijah's prophetic ministry to gain a greater understanding of our servant participation in God’s kingdom work and discover how God provides a foundation for our hope and ensures his presence remains with his people while his work goes on.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- In your experience, has ministry in your church been able to continue when a leader dies or moves on? What factors contributed to its success or failure? What effect has this experience had on your view of ministry?
- How have you been involved in ministry in your church or community? Have you ever intentionally thought about your spiritual legacy or ministry successor? Why?



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READ [2 Kings 2:1-18](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- What lessons for ministry have you gleaned from studying the ministries of Elijah and Elisha? How are the lessons the same and different if you’re a ministry leader or a ministry participant?
- Our culture is highly personality-driven and often creates celebrities out of anyone with talent, money, or notoriety. In what ways does God as the hero of the story challenge that perspective?
- How has your faith been impacted by pastors and spiritual leaders? How did you continue to experience God’s presence even after a particular leader was no longer in your life?
- When have you encountered the visible power and presence of God, like we see when Elisha strikes the water with Elijah’s cloak? How has this experience impacted your faith and your participation in the ministry of God?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[1 Corinthians 15:58](#), [Psalm 104:1-4](#), [Acts 28:30-31](#)

CONCLUSION

Read [John 3:22-30](#), especially verse 30. In segment 2, host Scott Hoezee notes that John the Baptist is the Elijah figure for which Israel was waiting. Yet in this passage, John the Baptist teaches that he must become less and Jesus must become greater. Why is this perspective on ministry both a challenge and a relief? Pray that John's words and Elijah's story would inform your witness, spiritual legacy, and participation in God's kingdom work.

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