

After an incredible conference like we had, no doubt you surrendered at some altar calls during the week. But how long will those altars live in you?

In the passage we are going to look at, Elisha makes an altar at a riverbank that sets the course of his future ministry.

2 Kings 2:14 NKJV Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said, “Where is the LORD God of Elijah?” And when he also had struck the water, it was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over.

I THE MANTLE:

A- Our verse begins with the picking up of the mantle of Elijah-

a. **2 Kings 2:14** Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him...

1. The mantle, or cloak was a fabric that identified Elijah as a prophet. Elisha picked it up as a symbolic transfer of the office. (The power was not in the mantle)

2. But as disciples there are things we pick up from our Pastor-

a. We pick up his Example: An example to follow **1 Cor 11:1** Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

b. We pick up his Reference Points: The miracles & stories of his ministry set the course for ours!

c. We pick up his Faith: Faith for everything. Converts, disciples, buildings, money... etc.

3. Taking up the mantle goes beyond the office of ministry... It is the spirit, vision, and expectation.

B- What are the mantles you are picking up?

1. This was in large part the heart Elisha had... He made decisions to take up the mantle of his pastor.

II THE PRAYER:

A- 2 Kings 2:14 struck the water, and said, “Where is the LORD God of Elijah?”

1. This prayer, this Altar, and experience would set the trajectory of his entire ministry-

2. This is why it is so valuable that you test things now!

a. Evangelize, Follow up, Pray for the sick, Pray for the HG, Money miracles... test is it in me now? Where is the LORD God of My Pastor... *I know you don't love others more than me*

3. Not only is Elisha referencing his Pastors experience, he is simultaneously forming his own-

B- This is why we challenge you to step out... so that you can form this for yourself!

1. I still carry miracles from my discipleship, from SF, from ROC, from Altars all throughout the years!

III THE MIRACLE:

A- 2 Kings 2:14 Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said, “Where is the LORD God of Elijah?” And when he also had struck the water, it was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over.

1. The waters parted for Elisha, just as they did for Elijah!

a. We see this all throughout the bible: God was with Joshua, just as he was with Moses! Jesus commissioned the disciples and was with them, Timothy discipled and trained men just as Paul discipled and trained him!

2. You can have and obtain the miracle dimension of your Pastor!

B- The miracles will bless your future:

1. Miracles will form reference points for your future: Down the road thousands of years, this miracle still testifies!

2. Miracles will give you credibility- **2 Kings 2:15** Now when the sons of the prophets who were from Jericho saw him, they said, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” And they came to meet him, and bowed to the ground before him.

1. It gives people confidence in you!

a. For all of our ministry experience Miracles have made the difference! But they started way back in the training years of Discipleship.