

How Do I Start?

Welcome to **day 13** of our 21 days of prayer and fasting! Yesterday's reading was a difficult passage. Today is a different story. The story of Elijah and Elisha is full of excitement and drama. Elijah is confident in his faith and bold in his commitment to God. But he is not immune to doubt and despair. In 1 Kings 19 he believes he is the only faithful person left but God soon reveals there are 7000 others with the same faith he has. You see, even strong people struggle when they are alone. That's why we seek God as a community, a family of believers. Now look a little closer. Today we see another example of a generational transition. But this one is a model for success! Elijah disciples Elisha and ultimately raises up a future leader even stronger than he was. Elijah invested in Elisha and Elisha respected Elijah. Why was this generational transition so successful? There are a lot of reasons I'm sure, but at the center of it all was obedience. Elijah and Elisha were not focused on each other; constantly comparing themselves and competing in their differences. No. They were focused on God and united in obedience to Him. This doesn't happen by accident. This requires everyone involved to be intentional.

Things to pray about today:

1. Lord, protect us as we are in the midst of a generational transition in our church.
2. God, give us hearts that love You and love others.
3. Help us learn from the successes and failures of those who came before us and invest in those coming behind us.

Today's Reading - 1 Kings 17-19

2 Kings 2 and 4

Read the passage for today and write down anything that stood out to you. God primarily speaks through His word, so, if something "jumped off the page" that was probably God revealing something to you or to our church family. Write it down!

Pray

Write out your prayer. Or at least the main points. I like to do this section in a different color.

Listen

Take time to listen to what God is saying to you. Check your understanding against the truth of His word. He will never tell you something that contradicts His word. Be sure to listen throughout the day even after you leave the sanctuary. As He speaks, write it down! I like to use a third color for this part

Date: _____

What's on my mind?

Prayer

Today's Scripture

Listen