

God's Messengers

Day One – Make a Choice

Today's reading: Page 203 thorough break on page 209

This reading covers: 1 Kings 17-19; 2 Kings 2

Summary:

Elijah calls God's people to choose who they will follow. Elijah demonstrates the power of God at a community-wide sacrifice. His intention is to bring the people to a once-and-for-all realization that God is God, and there is no other.

Consider this:

Elijah's demonstration is visually impacting. Is this what it takes for you to believe? Does God have to toss a miracle into the mix from time to time to get your attention? Or do you hear him in the gentle whisper as Elijah did? Do you need a large worship center filled with people in order to be motivated to follow God? Or can you close the door to your bedroom and quietly seek him? Choosing to follow God is a decision that sometimes calls for a public stand. The decision to stand publicly is strengthened by our quiet times with him.

For further reading: 1 Kings 19:11-13

Prayer:

Dear God, every day I have to make many choices. Today, when I am asked to choose, help me to choose you above all things. Give me wisdom and discernment, that I may hear you in the whispers of your presence, even amid the noise of this world. Help me to cultivate that quiet time with you. Help me to recognize your voice. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day Two – Take a Look Around

Today's reading: Break on page 209 through bottom of page 212

This reading covers: 2 Kings 2, 4-6

Summary: Elisha prayed that his servant would see the power of God around him. Elisha wanted to see the power of God in the things God did. Perhaps it was because he had been following Elijah around and had seen what God had done through him. Maybe he was so amazed at Elijah's usefulness to God that he had some doubts about his own. Elisha asked for a double portion of Elijah's spirit, and he got it.

Consider this:

Elisha not only desired to see God around him, he wanted others to see God through him. Whatever you are facing today is an opportunity to see God's power, and to reveal it to others. Whether it is an action or an attitude, an encouragement or a discipline, God wants to be seen through you today. Take some time to ask him to do just that.

For further reading: Ephesians 1:18-19

Prayer:

Father, would you give me eyes to see your power today? Would you soften my heart to know you better? Help me to see the hope you have called me to, the riches of your glory, and your incomparably great power. Help me, always, to show your power and glory to others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day Three – Unheeded Words

Today's reading: Top of page 213 through end of chapter

This reading covers: Amos; Hosea

Summary:

God sends prophets calling his people to repent; but they don't listen.

Maybe you are still wondering about this journey of faith and considering the first step of your walk with Christ. Maybe you are brand new, taking baby steps with this first-time study of the Word of God. Or you could be a seasoned believer, challenging yourself with a daily time with God. No matter your place on the path, your journey has involved others. They might be people who were instrumental in bringing you the message, or people you hope to bring the message to. Or both.

Consider this:

How long did it take before you listened to God's message? How long is it taking for your loved one to hear it from you? Heeding the message is, of course, crucial. But the faithfulness of God's messengers plays a large part.

For further reading: Romans 10:9-13

Prayer:

Father I am so grateful that so many of your followers are not quiet about you. I am thankful that someone talked to me. I pray today that you would give me a loving boldness to speak of you to others. I ask that I would have the courage to proclaim you in this dark world, and to encourage those who need you. Help me to see opportunity and to not pass it up. In Jesus' name, Amen.