

## The Elijah Journal #7

### “PREPARATION FOR SEPARATION”

#### 2 Kings 1: 1-6

John Wesley was asked,  
“What would you do if you had 3 days to live?”  
He replied, “I should just do the work I have planned to do...  
till the moment came when I was called to yield  
my spirit back to Him who gave it.”

*What would you do...?*

### ELIJAH’S FAREWELL TOUR (2 Kings 2:1-6) REVEALS HIS LEGACY

#### I. A profound, personal relationship with his Lord

- he is told about his death (translation) (v.1)
- he is led (3X) by the Lord on his “Farewell Tour”
- a consistent theme throughout his ministry

#### II. A profound, personal relationship with his future leaders

- he founded 4 “Prophet Schools” to invest in the future spiritual leaders of Israel – Gilgal, Bethel, Jericho, Jordan
- 200 young men learned the role of the prophet - “to boil over” with God’s word to His people
- all had received the same revelation about Elijah
- he cautions against any public display of his greatness – a sign of true spiritual humility

#### III. A focused relationship with Elisha

- began after the recovery from the post-Carmel depression (1 Kings 19:16-21)
- loyalty, love and respect prompted Elisha’s affirmation... “as surely as the Lord lives and you live, I will not leave you.”
- culminated in the strategic blessing as Elijah departed

### Application:

It is clear that “relationships” were the legacy of Elijah’s life.

- with God Himself
- with leaders for the future
- with a personal friend and confidant

Our Simple Church plan places “relationships” as a clear purpose of our church. The deepening of our relationships will ensure the future of the Lord’s work at MCBC.

As faithful followers of Jesus Christ,  
we should so live  
that we need not make special preparation  
when death suddenly summons us.