

Today's Message Outline: "Chained to the Ordinary"

"¹⁹ So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him.²⁰ Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother good-bye," he said, "and then I will come with you."²¹ "Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?"²¹ So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his attendant." 1Kings 19:19-21 (NIV 1984)

"¹² I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." John 14:12 (NIV 1984)

Two major discoveries of the past year:

1. E-R=D
2. I've enlarged my perspective, changed my assumption and embraced the challenge!

Three Invitations:

1. An invitation to a higher calling.
(see 1Kings 19:19, Luke 5:10b)
2. An invitation to total surrender
(see Luke 19: 21b, Luke 9:23-24)
3. An invitation to greater things.
(see 2Kings 2:9, John 14:12)

Conclusion: Our journey toward a more Christ centered life begins by clearly identifying where we are today.

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1. Exploring Christ
2. Growing in Christ
3. Close to Christ
4. Christ Centered

Small Group or Personal Reflection Questions

1. Identify one area where your expectations met reality? How do you feel about that?
2. Have you considered what God's "higher calling" might be for you?
3. Why does the idea of "total surrender" make us so fearful? (Luke 9:23)
4. Can you see where "greater things" might break forth in your life?