

Spiritual Advancement

Main Bible Verse:

(II Kings 2:9) When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?"
"Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied.

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Summary:

Matthew 20:16 | Hebrews 6:1

- The scripture taught us, "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."
 - If we do not advance, we are regressing.
 - God wants us to mature in Christ and He wants us to hurry and follow Him.
- In order to continue to advance, we must be filled with the Holy Spirit.

II Kings 2:9

- How did Elisha receive double portion of the Spirit.
 - He followed Elijah and did God's work.
- Each stop of Elisha's journey following Elijah represents different stages of our life to overcome though the power of the Holy Spirit.

Origin: Gilgal

II Kings 2:1 | Joshua 5:9 | Romans 2:29 | John 13:1 | Romans 7:6 | Revelation 3:15-16

- Gilgal means to roll away.
- Gilgal was the first stop where the Israelites entered the land of Canaan.
- Gilgal was the place where God rolled away the reproach of Egypt from the Israelites.
 - At Gilgal, Joshua followed the instruction of God and let the Israelites who were born in the wilderness received their circumcision.
 - After circumcision, they kept Passover as the Lord has commanded them.
 - During the first Passover, with the blood of the lamb on the sides and tops of the doorframes of their houses, the destructive plague passed over the Israelites and did not strike them.
 - The New Testament taught us, it is our heart that needs to be circumcised, to rid of our fleshly desires, and let us be the temple of God, so the Holy Spirit could dwell in us.
 - Jesus Christ is the lamb who sacrificed for our sins and redeemed us.
 - Jesus was able to overcome the temptations of the Satan in the wilderness after forty days of fasting for He was filled with the Holy Spirit. We too must be filled with the Holy Spirit and overcome.
 - When we are truly circumcised, the Holy Spirit will fill us and motivate us to be zealous for God.

- Gilgal was the place where the Israelites received God's promise.
- Gilgal was the place where Samuel made Saul wait for him to make the offering.
- Elijah told Elisha to stay at Gilgal, but Elisha insisted to follow Elijah to Bethel for he eagerly desires the double portion of the Holy Spirit.
 - We must eagerly desire the Holy Spirit to fill us.

First Stop: Bethel

II Kings 2:2 | Genesis 28:11-19 | Malachi 3:10 | Ezekiel 1:1 | Revelation 1:9-19 | I Corinthians 2:9-10

- Bethel is the house of God, the place where Jacob encountered God.
- The scripture taught us, bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.
 - We do not choose where we want to allocate the tithe.
 - Tithe goes to where you go for church meetings.
 - When we bring our tithe to the church, God will open the floodgates of heaven and pour out His abundant blessings on us.
- When Ezekiel was praying among the exiles by the Kebar River, the heavens were opened and he saw visions of God.
- Apostle John also met God on the island of Patmos, where God revealed great mysteries to him and told him to write them down.
- We too must build up an intimate relationship with God.
 - This is how the scripture describe the blessings of God, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"
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Second Stop: Jericho

II Kings 2:4 | Joshua 6: | Galatians 5:22-23 | Psalms 92:12-15 | I Peter 5:8

- Jericho was a beautiful place with great aroma. The city full of palm trees.
- Jericho was a fortified city.
 - When the Israelites first arrived the land of Canaan, Jericho was the first city they encounter.
 - Joshua followed the instruction of God.
 - In the first six days, the Israelites go around Jericho one time.
 - Seven priests with Horns leading the Israelites followed by the priest carrying the ark.
 - Through out of six days, the Israelites remain silent as the Lord has commanded them.
 - On the seventh day, they walked around Jericho seven times. When the priest blasted the trumpet, the Israelites shouted as the Lord has commanded time.
 - At the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall of Jericho collapsed.
- We must yield the fruit of the Spirit.
 - We must live a life with the aroma with Christ.
 - As the scriptures taught us, "The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God."
 - The Holy Spirit will help us to plant ourselves in the temple of the Lord and to yield fruits.

- God has blessed us with the Authority to share the Gospel.
 - When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we will be overcome the devil's scheme and to share the good news of Jesus to others.

Third Stop: Jordan River

II Kings 2:6-9 | Matthew 3:13-17 | Romans 6:3-6 |

- After passing the Jordan River, Elisha inherited a double portion of the spirit that filled Elijah.
 - The water of Jordan River was divided when Elijah struck the water with his cloak.
 - After they had crossed Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied.
 - Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours--otherwise not."
 - As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.
 - Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them apart.
- Elisha fixed his eyes on Elijah as he was directed, he was able to receive a double portion of the spirit.
- Jordan River was the place where Elisha received a double portion of the Holy Spirit.
 - Full of the power, authority, and miracles of God.
- Jordan River was the place of baptism.
 - Jordan River was where John the Baptist baptized.
 - Jordan River was where Jesus was baptized.
 - When we are baptized, our old self was crucified into Jesus' death. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.
 - We must ask the Holy Spirit to fill us, so we may live this new life that the glory of God may manifest in us.
- Elisha continued to wait and follow.
 - He never complained.
 - All he longed for was to be filled with the Holy Spirit.
 - He was able to receive a double portion of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray daily and praise God. Read the bible. Love God, count His blessings and give thanks to Him, and build an intimate relationship with God. In everything we do, acknowledge God. God will bless you, you children, and your children's children.

Hope for Our Lives
yǒnghéng wéiyī de pànwàng

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Yǒuyī wèi zhēnshén tā míngzì jiào yēsū
Tā lái dào zhè shìjiè shàng wèi yào jiùshú nǐ
shēngmìng de yìyì jǐn zài zhè fúyīn lǐ
zhǐyào nǐ kāikǒu hūhǎn yēsū

Chorus

Yēsū shì shēngmìng yīqiè wèntí de jiědá
yēsū shì shēngmìng yīqiè hēi'àn de liàngguāng
jiāng yōushāng biàn wèi xǐlè
jiāng jùpà biàn wéi lìliàng
yēsū shì yǒnghéng wéiyī de pànwàng

Verse

Xiàn shàng shēngmìng gěi zuì'ài de yēsū
wánquán shùnfú wánquán xiángfú
yīn nǐ ēndiǎn shǐ wǒ déyǐ shì fèng nǐ
nǐ de xuǎn zhào méiyǒu huáiyí

Chorus

Wǒ de shēngmìng xiàn gěi nǐ
bèi qǐ shí jià gēnsuí nǐ
yuàn nǐ de róngyào zhāngxiǎn zài wǒ shēngmìng
wǒ de xīn bù yào wàngjì nǐ rúhé wèi wǒ shěmìng
yēsū wǒ ài nǐ xǐlè de gēnsuí nǐ

Bridge

Cì gěi wǒ shǔyú nǐ de mèngxiǎng
dài xià nǐ guódù rú zài tiānshàng
cì gěi wǒ bēnpǎo bù juàn de lìliàng
rú yīng zhǎnchì shàng téng áoxiáng

Wǒ yǐjīng juéding yào gēnsuí yēsū
yǒng bù huítóu yǒng bù huítóu
wǒ yǐjīng juéding yào gēnsuí yēsū
yǒng bù huítóu yǒng bù huítóu

副歌

Shí jià zài qiánmiàn shìjiè zài bèihòu
yǒng bù huítóu yǒng bù huítóu
shí jià zài qiánmiàn shìjiè zài bèihòu
yǒng bù huítóu yǒng bù huítóu

The Blessing

Offering Worship

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Shen ci fu bao hu ni

Ta di lian guang zhao yao ni

En dian ci fu yu ni

Ye he hua xiang ni yang lian

Ping an yu ni

Amen

The Lord bless you and keep you

Make His face shine upon you

And be gracious to you

The Lord turn His face toward you

And give you peace

Amen

Hope for Our Lives

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There is one true God. His name is Jesus Christ

He has come to give you life,

to save and redeem you

The gospel brings to light the purpose of this life

Come and call upon His name, Jesus

Chorus

We call out, "Jesus,"

He's the answer to our lives

We call out, "Jesus,"

He turns darkness into light

Turns our mourning into joy

And our weakness into might

Jesus Christ, He's the hope of our lives

I Will Offer You My Life

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Verse

I surrender all my life to Jesus.
Give my everything for Your glory.
By Your grace alone, I can serve You with my all
It's my calling, no holding back.

Chorus

I will offer You my life, and with everything I have.
Let Your glory come. Your name be lifted high.
Oh, my heart will not forget
what You did upon the cross.
Jesus, I love You. With joy, I follow You.

Bridge

Let me see, see Your dreams and visions.
Bringing down Your kingdom as in heaven.
Let me run, run and not be weary,
like an eagle, soaring with You.

I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back no turning back
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back no turning back

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The cross before me,
the world behind me
No turning back no turning back
The cross before me,
the world behind me
No turning back no turning back

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