

Elisha: Lessons from an OT Prophet
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Call of Elisha, 1 Kings 19:19-21

God calls workers, those already working
God calls humble men
God calls ready men
God calls changed men
God calls sacrificial men
God calls generous men

Elisha receives Elijah's calling, 2 Kings 2:1-18

What did it mean to receive the mantle and power of another?
Leaders recognize other leaders as examples, leaders are formed by leaders
Leaders are faithful
Leaders ask boldly and receive
Leaders persevere

Widow's oil, Shunammite's son, 2 Kings 4:1-37

God's leaders serve others with compassion
God's leaders let others retain their esteem
Leaders deserve support, encouragement, worthy of salary
Leaders are recognized as holy
Leaders help meet the needs of others
Leaders are accessible
Leaders instill confidence
Leaders represent God's power when used for good

Naaman, 2 Kings 5

The young Israelite maiden was small
What could she do?
She did not focus on what she could not do, but on what she could do
The needs were not small
She was: credible, caring, confident, a catalyst, faithful

Elisha and the Arameans, 2 Kings 6:8-23

Who do you listen to, who are your models, mentors, heroes
Include God, Elisha prayed
Spiritual vision, walk by faith, see beyond what others see
In step with Spirit, not vengeful
How to treat your enemies
How to resolve conflicts