

# Elisha

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### Introduction

Elisha is one of my favorite characters in the bible. He is the picture of a great man of God from the beginning to the end. Most people if you would ask them, what character in the bible would you have liked to have been they would probably say Abraham, Moses, Noah, or Elijah. I would have to say that Elisha is a favorite of mine because he had style. Whenever there was a problem or something came up he never panicked or lost control. The axe head fell in the water, so what. Elisha just asked where did it fall then he cut off a stick, threw it in the water and made it float. He was a man of great faith. He didn't need to see the army of chariots and horses of fire, he knew that they were there all along. Elisha just wanted his servant to see them because his faith was lacking. He also was a man of humbleness. In 1 Kings 19:21 the bible says that when Elisha was called he arose and followed Elijah, and became his servant. It's been said that, "God will never give you the anointing of Elisha until you first serve Elijah". <sup>1</sup>And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?". Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me."

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Why didn't Elisha just ask God for an anointing? I believe that Elisha had recognized that this was truly a man of God and understood that being a man of God that this question was actually from God. Elisha knew who this was and was happy just to be able to serve him. The bible doesn't say that Elisha went with Elijah and after he saw what Elijah was all about he decided to serve him. Elisha not only followed him, but also was able to do his work God told Elijah to do "Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. If it is God's will for you to do something, it cannot be done without the anointing of God to do it.. The great commission is to preach the gospel to every creature and that can only be possible with the anointing of God. That anointing is here in the ministry of Victory Outreach International and every other ministry that is doing this work for the Lord. It's the same anointing that was upon Jesus and the Apostles, it's the same anointing getting passed around. Pastor Sonny received the anointing to reach the inner-cities of the world and as you can see for yourself that there was no way that he could have done it by himself. The anointing that God had placed upon Pastor Sonny was passed down to every other Pastor and Minister that has been sent out to other countries and cities worldwide.

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Elisha was a servant to Elijah the prophet. The name Elijah means