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GOOD NEWS

VICTORY CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Elisha Wishes Someone Would Speak To Him



We do not always fail because we want to do the wrong thing. Lack of knowledge is the main reason for our failures. It is a fact that tremendous men of God, like Elijah and Elisha, saw the Glory of God in their lives. They experienced the Glory of the Power of our Lord in ways that just a few other human beings have lived. It is undeniable that our Lord God had a plan for them and a particular purpose for their lives. They did what they needed to do during their time on Earth. Elisha listened to Elijah. Elisha listened to the Lord. But something happened in his heart, that for a mysterious reason, we learned that there was no disciple, student, protégé, or anyone able to receive the transference of the anointing that the Lord God had given those heroes. Surely there are more than a few people who sustain that Elisha was selfish, that his true motive was that he did not want to bless anyone...? It is hard to believe, but it is a possibility.

On the other hand, is it possible that anyone who was around him felt uncomfortable with Elisha, rather than inspired to be with him? It is interesting to think that people in positions of authority become blind to certain things, and quite often, impossible people to deal with. But imagine that anyone, an outsider, or even someone under their authority, would approach this leader and say:

—May I have five minutes of your attention? I would like to speak to you about some things. First, I know you are a leader, someone with authority, and the Bible says that authority comes from God. Therefore, I respect you and I acknowledge that the Lord God has put you in this position of honor. I talk to you with admiration and respect for what you represent. Second, I know that you are also a human being, and as such, you cannot be perfect. I observe the wonderful things you do, and that is excellent. But, you should consider your human interaction with the rest. Precisely for that reason, I feel today the need to tell you that you could talk to all of us in a very different way, and treat us in a much better way, pay us better, etc. Basically, what I am saying to you is this, we are humans just as you are. You make us feel uncomfortable as individuals. As a person, as an average man, I feel that I cannot reach your heart. Today, I am asking you to think about it. And finally, I would like to ask you, do you have a plan for the next person once the time for you to leave this world comes? Because all this greatness and excellent things that you do, and we help here with, cannot disappear because you are gone. I am sure that you love what you do, and you don't want this to be gone the moment you are gone. So, please think about these questions I have presented you, and hopefully one day you will be so kind to tell me the answers. Until that day comes, I will be praying fervently for you, because I care for you.—

I know that people, in general, are always afraid to talk honestly to the rest. But imagine that some brave believers, close to people in authority, would be able to gently confront them. Perhaps the future would be different. Like it could have happened to Elisha if someone would have approached him like that.

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MESSAGES SHARED IN JUNE 2023

DEFENSELESS | WS#345 | June 4, 2023

Have you ever defended someone? The defenseless are many, and your defense is of paramount importance, for their well being. Go out there and make them feel comforted through your defense, be it the neglected ones, homeless, the sick, or those who have no food. The well being of these groups depends on you.

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RE-BUILDING | WS #346 | June 11, 2023

God is the perfect rebuilder. When you faithfully call upon Him, He will hear you and rebuild your life. He is a complete God, able to do anything. God is not far from us. He always wants a relationship with you, so that you can prosper spiritually and materially. Let God rebuild your life now!

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THE COURTHOUSE | WS#347 | June 18, 2023

Why are you obeying laws? Is it because it is the right thing to do, or are you afraid to get punished if you break them? An interesting thing is that sometimes it happens when we disobey some laws, and nature punishes us. This message is a source of inspiration to think about everything in our lives, present and future. Invest time in it.

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WHAT CAN I DO TO PROTECT MYSELF SPIRITUALLY? | WS #348 | June 25, 2023

No man is entitled to curse another man. The Scripture tells us that if we obey God's commandments, we will be fully blessed. On the contrary, if we don't obey God's commandments, we will get cursed by Him. Nothing will prosper in our life, be it health, harvest, plans, business, children, or other things. All things will fall apart. Learn the principles to have a prosperous life in the name of Jesus.

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A BAD PARENT CAN CHANGE

Eli's case is the classic story of a father who is too comfortable doing his thing in life. He has everything he wants or needs. His family has everything. No need to make things hard on anyone, particularly with his children. Anyone can see that he was not even bothering his wife at all. He just let everyone in his family do whatever they wanted to do. Maybe he did his main job right. However, everyone expected more of him. People around Eli trusted him for years, and they were certain that Eli would train his children to do a great job. He had the knowledge, the experience in his Office, and the guidance from the Lord God to be the person he was. Therefore, everyone assumed for years that his children were going to be just like him. But no. With the pass of the years, things were getting worse and worse. The behavior of those sons became brutal, rude, ungodly, and highly disrespectful to God, to the Sanctity of the Office, to their parents and family, and to the whole community. That is a disgrace.

What people saw was unbelievable and unacceptable. However, did Eli do anything about it? Not really. He failed terribly because he was too comfortable. Eating whatever he wanted to eat, perhaps drinking, losing more and more of his moral values and strength. Eli did not want to disturb things in his home. Why? Maybe for the same reasons men, in general, do the same thing. In their view, it is easier to avoid confrontation, as long as they get what they want. Whatever it is. Where is God in all of this? What about their supposedly strong faith and devotion to our Lord? There is none. All that was vanishing slowly, because one step at a time, Eli was getting colder and colder in his relationship with the Good Lord. Eli probably stopped listening to the Lord. More than likely, Eli did not want to even pray, or truly read the Scriptures anymore, to avoid confrontation with the Lord God. The voice of the Lord will ask any time, "What are you doing?" Eli was determined to not do that.

He was way too comfortable having everything he wanted, to have or enjoy. What was the result of that? The total destruction of his life, and the life of his own family, could have been stopped if Eli would have talked to his wife and children, saying something like this. "Listen family, we are doing what is wrong. The Lord is unhappy with us. Although we have stuff, that does not mean we are right with the Lord. So, I want all of us to change, to come back to the roots of our beliefs, and to get right with the Lord. Let's all repent, and change our hearts. Ok? I am the first one who needs to change, that's why I am talking with you. Please, let's all do what is right." It would have been a total different outcome for Eli and his family. What about you and your family?

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Thank you, Lord, for Your mercy and kindness! We love You, Lord God!



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Bible Study | Gospel Parallels 30 | June 7th, 2023

The power of the Lord Jesus is real. Jesus possesses all the power to dictate everything. His power can cure all illnesses. He can also change every person's character, regardless how horrible that person is. Nothing can beat the power of God.

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Bible Study | Gospel Parallels 31 | June 14th, 2023

Building good relations with all the community members is a good thing. However, not all people will be nice to you even though you are the nicest person to them. Love, and pray for them, so that God changes them to be good people.

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Bible Study | Gospel Parallels 32 | June 21st, 2023

Sharing our testimony lets others know how mighty God is. Those who listen to the testimony get drawn close to God, and are cured and redeemed. When you share a testimony, you glorify the Lord's greatness. Give your testimony today because some people need to hear it.

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Bible Study | Gospel Parallels 33 | June 28th, 2023

How much are you committed to God and His Kingdom? Jesus set a good example on this. He kept working hard until the last moment. He also valued His exclusive time with His Father. Equally, you also need personal time with God. It's this exclusive time that we use to communicate personal prayers with God.

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"GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES" … WHO, ME???

So He came to them and said,
"All authority in Heaven and on Earth is given to Me. So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything that I have told you to do. You can be sure that I will be with you always. I will continue with you until the end of time."
(Matthew 28:18-20)

Why are we, as Christians, so afraid to witness to others? What is it that we are so afraid of? Shouldn't we, of all people, be "eager" to share the gospel with others, so that others can be set free, and ultimately go to Heaven?? Is it fear of rejection, or being made fun of, or is it simply because we don't feel confident enough in what we want to share? One thing to remember is that people do NOT want to be preached at, or given a sermon, and that's a good thing because it lets you off the hook, as far as needing to know deep theology. However, it is true that in order to speak into someone's life, you have to first spend time in God's Word yourself. Being that said, though, you don't have to know everything there is to know about a passage of scripture to share it with someone. Or better yet, to share your own personal experiences.

It is often said, "Just share what is on your heart or mind." And this is true. Share something that really stirs you, something you have been thinking about. This is one reason why it is so important to have a daily devotion, delving into the Word. The more you know the Bible, the more opportunities you'll have to share because you will be able to make more connections to life.

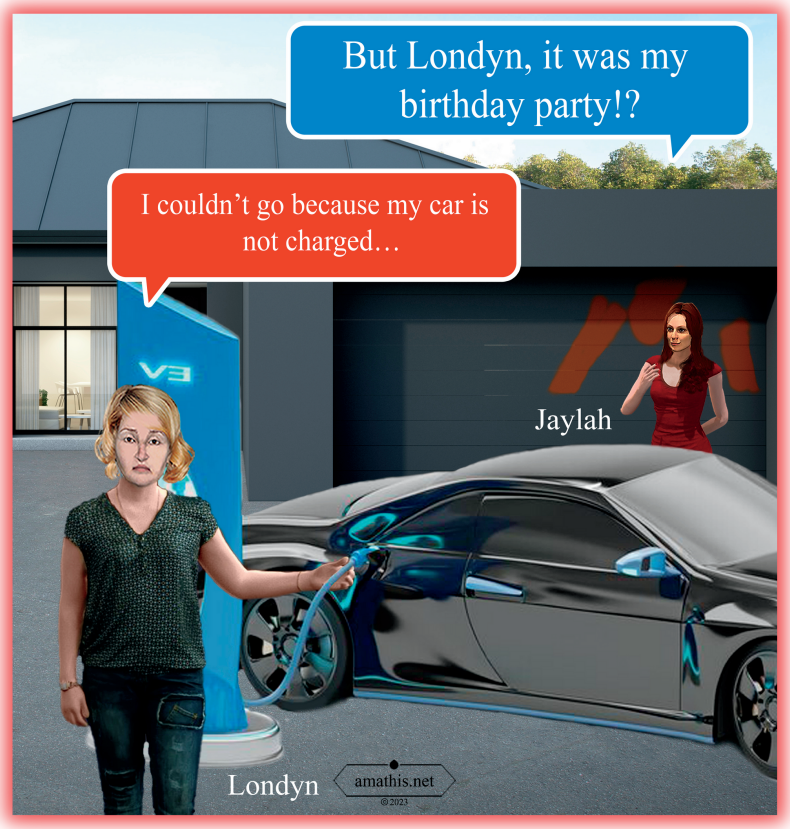
Instead of being afraid to speak to someone, look at it like this. Every person out there is loved by God, and He desires that everyone would come to know Him, and be with Him in Heaven. How are they going to come to know Him without someone telling them? WE have to tell them. WE have to show His love towards them. This is not a job just for the pastor!

- **The Holy Spirit will guide you, as to whom you should share something with. It may be a Christian, or it may not.**
- **Also, don't think to yourself, 'It wasn't Natural', and use that as an excuse for not sharing.**
- **It can be as easy as to say, "My pastor taught something from the Bible that I had never heard before." Or, "Would you mind my sharing something from the Bible that seems to fit what you're experiencing?"**
- **Simply ask yourself what is something someone else could say to you that would cause you to listen?**
- **Keep it short! Don't try to say everything that you know. It's like salt. A little goes a long way.**
- **Listen to them. This is a conversation, not a monologue.**
- **Be yourself. Everyone will notice when you are honest and authentic.**
- **And finally, remember, He is ALWAYS with you! Smile!**



Blessings,
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The Saga continues...

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