

A background image showing the Earth from space, with a bright sun in the upper right corner. The Earth's horizon is visible, showing blue oceans and green landmasses. The sun is a bright white-yellow sphere with a lens flare effect.

A TIME FOR...

“Carrying Greater Responsibility”

**“Action springs not from
thought, but from a
readiness for
responsibility.”**

Diethrich Bonhoeffer

1. How Do Relationships Impact Me?

2 Kings 2:1-4 NLT

¹ When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, **Elijah and Elisha were traveling from Gilgal.** ² And Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the Lord has told me to go to Bethel.” But Elisha replied, “As surely as the Lord lives and you yourself live, **I will never leave you!**” So they went down together to Bethel.

³ The group of prophets from Bethel came to Elisha and asked him, “Did you know that the Lord is going to take your master away from you today?” “Of course I know,” Elisha answered. “But **be quiet about it.**” ⁴ Then Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the Lord has told me to go to Jericho.” But Elisha replied again, “As surely as the Lord lives and you yourself live, **I will never leave you.**” So they went on together to Jericho.

Relationships That Build...

- Encourage us to **KNOW** God authentically Phil 3:10
- Challenge us to **GROW** faithfully Col 2:7
- Lead us to **SERVE** wholeheartedly Josh 24:14
- Inspire us to **LIVE** courageously 1Thess.2:2

2. What Do I See, That Others Don't?

2 Kings 2:5-8 NLT

⁵ Then the group of prophets from Jericho came to Elisha and asked him, “Did you know that the Lord is going to take your master away from you today?” “Of course I know,” Elisha answered. **“But be quiet about it.”**

⁶ Then Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the Lord has told me to go to the Jordan River.” But again Elisha replied, “As surely as the Lord lives and you yourself live, **I will never leave you.**” So they went on together.

⁷ Fifty men from the group of prophets also **went and watched from a distance** as Elijah and Elisha stopped beside the Jordan River.

⁸ Then Elijah folded his cloak together and struck the water with it. The river divided, and the **two of them went across** on dry ground!



Jordan Valley

3. What Do I Desire For My Life?

2 Kings 2:9-12 NLT

⁹ When they came to the other side, Elijah said to Elisha, “**Tell me what I can do for you** before I am taken away.” And Elisha replied, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit and become your successor.” ¹⁰ “**You have asked a difficult thing,**” Elijah replied. “**If you see me when I am taken from you, then you will get your request.** But if not, then you won’t.” ¹¹ As they were walking along and talking, suddenly a chariot of fire appeared, drawn by horses of fire. It drove between the two men, separating them, and Elijah was carried by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha saw it and cried out, “My father! My father! I see the chariots and charioteers of Israel!” And as they disappeared from sight, Elisha tore his clothes in distress.

4. Willing to Carry Greater Responsibility?

2 Kings 2:13-16 NLT

¹³ **Elisha picked up Elijah's cloak**, which had fallen when he was taken up. Then **Elisha returned** to the bank of the Jordan River.

¹⁴ He struck the water with Elijah's cloak and cried out, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" Then the river divided, and Elisha went across.

¹⁵ **When the group of prophets from Jericho saw from a distance what happened, they exclaimed, "Elijah's spirit rests upon Elisha!"** And they went to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

¹⁶ "Sir," they said, "just say the word and fifty of our strongest men will search the wilderness for your master. Perhaps the Spirit of the Lord has left him on some mountain or in some valley."

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