

RESTORATION Ministries



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Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

In our last prayer letter I began sharing some insights from the life and ministry of the Old Testament prophet Elisha. His name meant "God his salvation". He was mentored by the prophet Elijah. Both Elijah and Elisha served God during a time in which God's people were led by wicked rulers and were worshipping idols and following the practices of the pagan people around them.

Elijah was a **thundering prophet** who confronted sin and pronounced God's judgment upon men because of their sin. **Elisha** was a prophet of God who confronted sin when needed, but **his ministry was primarily one of bringing healing, and his miracles were restoring to life.** His ministry was primarily a ministry of mercy rather than judgment (cmp. James 2:13).

Before Elijah was taken up to heaven, he anointed Elisha to take his place. Elisha asked for a **double portion** of Elijah's spirit. Elijah promised Elisha if he was present when God took him to heaven this request would be granted. Elisha saw Elijah taken up in a chariot of fire (2 Kings 2:9b-11).

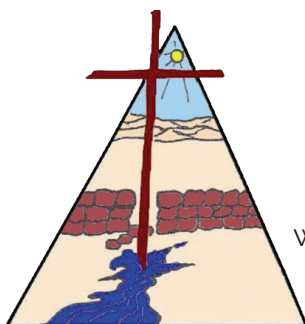
What kind of ministry did Elisha have?

He was anointed with the power of God. He saw Elijah demonstrate God's power in many ways. In 2 Kings 1, Elijah called down fire from heaven to consume soldiers who came to harm him. Elisha saw Elijah take his mantle and strike the Jordan river so the water divided and they crossed on dry ground. Elisha did twice as many miracles as Elijah. His **first miracle** took place as he took the mantle of Elijah and stood by the Jordan and struck the water and said "**Where now is the LORD the God of Elijah?**" The waters divided, and he crossed on dry ground. He was assured God's power and blessing would be on him just as it had been on Elijah.

In 2 Kings 4 we find 3 miracles in which **Elisha was empowered by God to compassionately meet the needs of people.** The first miracle involved a widow who was in debt (2 Kings 4:1-7). Her husband was a prophet who worshipped and served God faithfully. However, he died leaving his wife and sons behind. He was in debt and the creditor was about to take the widow's two sons into slavery to pay for this debt. This was a desperate situation. God will lead people across your path who are in desperate situations. They need someone who will care for them and point them to the Lord Jesus who cares about what they are going through. Elisha asked her what she had, and she had a little bit of oil in a container. He told her to go to her neighbors and ask for empty jars and take the container of oil and begin filling each of the jars. By faith she followed Elisha's instructions and all the jars were filled with oil. She sold the oil and paid off all her debts. She and her sons were free.

*Oil in the Bible is
a picture of the
Holy Spirit.*

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People are in desperate situations today. You may wonder how God can meet the needs of people around you? The apostle Paul wrote "Now it is God who makes us and you stand firm in Christ. **He anointed us**, set His seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come" (2 Cor. 1:21-22). Likewise, God wants to anoint us as believers with His power and blessing to make us a blessing to others. As we surrender to Him, He will empower us by His Spirit to show love and have the same type of ministry in our marriage, family, churches, and communities so people can experience the one true God who is able to meet their needs and set them free through Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and support for us. We are in our sixteenth year of seeing God work to bring healing to wounded hearts and relationships.

In Christ and For His Kingdom Purposes,

Roger and Brenda Daum



We will be speaking at
**Maranatha Bible Camp
Couples Conference**
November 5-7
Watch our website for details!

Testimonies

A couple writes – *“Thank you for your ministry! Our lives and marriage have changed because of God’s work in our lives and your direction. We are so thankful.”*

A husband writes – *“Your teaching, counseling and coaching have ministered to our hearts.”*

A couple writes – *“Thank you for caring about the deep hurts of the past and leading us to forgive and let Jesus take the hurts. It is an amazing feeling to be free!”*

An individual writes – *“I am so excited to be re-born in Christ and to be able to call him my friend, strength, and source of all that I need to carry on until He returns. I will carry your wise counsel from the Lord for the rest of my life.”*

A couple write – *“We look forward to our renewed freedom in Christ and the hope God has given us to restore the years the locusts have devoured.”*

A wife writes – *“Having only been married for 3 months, you gave us the gift of being able to work on our marriage at it’s beginning stages. What a gift! And what a cool story to know that my parents had their lives changed in this same place through your work!”*

A couple writes – *“You helped two broken people see the lies of the enemy keeping us from fully living life and enjoying marriage. Thank you for helping us get our marriage off to THE BEST start.”*

A couple writes – *“We clearly see the power of God’s grace working mightily in this ministry.”*

Praise & Prayer Items

1. Annikia Koester from Malcom, NE, has completed an internship with Restoration Ministries and will be counseling in the Lincoln, NE. area. Two additional interns will be taking training this year.
2. Roger recovered nicely from hip replacement surgery in January and is walking free of pain.
3. That those coming for counseling will experience the transforming work of Jesus and continue to walk with Him. Satan loves to hinder spiritual and relational growth in believers.
4. For God's faithful provision of the ministries financial needs through those who partner with us.
5. For the salvation of clients who come for help and who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. So far 5 individuals have trusted Jesus for salvation this year.
6. For Ed and Norma Gaston as they continue to equip believers with God's Word to strengthen marriage and family relationships, and train pastoral counselors in the Philippines and Asia. Pray God also strengthens them physically.