#### Elisha: A Double Portion Of God's Blessing! Second String Saints, Pt.4 2 Kings June 25, 2017

**<u>2 Kings 2:9</u>**, When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "<u>Let me</u> inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. <sup>10</sup>"<u>You</u> have asked a difficult thing" ...

### Elisha Means: GOD IS SALVATION

### How To Live With A Double Portion Of God's Blessings:

### • Demonstrate Spiritual <u>TENACITY</u>

**<u>2 Kings 2:1,</u>** ... Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "<u>As surely as the LORD lives</u> <u>and as you live, I will not leave you</u>." ... <sup>4</sup>...And he replied, "<u>As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave</u> <u>you</u>." So they went to Jericho.

## • Develop A Love For <u>GOD'S PEOPLE</u>

**<u>2 Kings 2:3</u>**, *The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "so be quiet."* 

**<u>2 Kings 8:11</u>**, *He stared at him with a fixed gaze until Hazael* was embarrassed. <u>Then the man of God began to weep</u>. <sup>12</sup> "Why is my lord weeping?" asked Hazael. "<u>Because I know</u> <u>the harm you will do to the Israelites</u>," he answered.

# • Use Your Talents And Gifts To <u>BENEFIT OTHERS</u>

**<u>2 Kings 2:21</u>**, Then he went out to the spring and threw the salt into it, saying, "<u>This is what the Lord says</u>: '<u>I have</u> healed this water. Never again will it cause death or make the land unproductive." <sup>22</sup>And the water has remained pure to this day, according to the word Elisha had spoken.

**<u>2 Kings 4:36</u>**, Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, "Call the Shunammite." And he did. When she came, he said, "Take your son." <sup>37</sup>She came in, fell at his feet and bowed to the ground. Then she took her son and went out.

**<u>2 King 5:14</u>**, So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, <u>as the man of God had told him</u>, <u>and his</u> flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

**<u>2 Kings 4:42</u>**, ... "Give it to the people to eat," Elisha said. <sup>43</sup> "How can I set this before a hundred men?" his servant asked. But Elisha answered, "<u>Give it to the people to eat</u>. For this is what the LORD says: '<u>They will eat and have some left</u> <u>over</u>.""

## • Realize Serving God Is A Lifelong ENDEAVOR

### 2 Kings 13:20, Elisha died and was buried.

During his ministry, Elisha served as an advisor to kings, a companion to common people and a friend to both the Israelites and foreigners, and so should we!

### **Cottonwood Creek Challenge:**

- 1. Make a decision to live with a double portion of God's blessings!
- 2. Men Attend the Pastor's Bible study every Tuesday morning at 6:00a in room A234. Currently, the Pastor is in a series entitled, "Famous Fathers In The Bible And What We Can Learn From Them!"