Heart-to-Heart

Elisha’s Mother’s Story: Faith When Your Heart is Breaking

Week 7 | April 04, 2019

Question: On a scale of 1-10 how well do you handle saying goodbye to loved ones and dear friends when they’re leaving for a long time or permanently? Where on that scale would you say you typically land, with 1 being, “I’m a total mess so I have to avoid the final goodbye at all costs. I just don’t let myself think about it at all!” And 10 being, “I enjoy the time I have with that person up to the final goodbye. I face it head on even though it’s hard. Then I move on and embrace my grief and gratitude for the relationship.”

Keep the Fire of Your Faith Burning When Your Heart is Breaking:

1. _______________________________ Keep doing what you know to do.
   - Read, meditate and apply God’s Word; don’t get far from ________________________
   - Go to church, Life Group, Bible Study, etc; don’t ________________________________
   - Be honest with God and a trusted friend; don’t _________________________________
   - Press deeper into trust by letting go; don’t _________________________________
   - Focus on eternity; don’t believe ________________________________

2. _______________________________ Find a truth or a promise in God’s Word to pray, believe and declare.

3. Get a DAWG: _________________________________________________________________
“Elijah found Elisha by Divine direction, not in the schools of the prophets, but in the field; not reading, or praying, or sacrificing, but ploughing. A calling in the world, does not put one out of the way of their calling from heaven, any more than it did Elisha. His heart was touched by the Holy Spirit, and he was ready to leave all to attend Elijah. This was a discouraging time for prophets to set out to lead God’s people. And a man that lived a privileged life like Elisha, would not naturally be fond of Elijah’s mantle; yet Elisha cheerfully leaves all to respond to this call from God.” – Matthew Henry, Bible Commentator

The story of Elijah and Elisha are an Old Testament type of our New Testament relationship with God:

John 1:12-13
Romans 8:14-17
2 Corinthians 6:18

“Elisha left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, Let me kiss my father and mother, and then I will follow you. And he [testing Elisha] said, Go on back. What have I done to you? [Settle it for yourself.]” 1 Kings 19:20 (AMP)
Further Study:

1. Read the book of Ruth in the Old Testament (only 4 chapters) to be familiar with the story of Ruth that Sherilyn will teach on next week.

2. Read Unquenchable, chapter 6
   Spend time answering and reflecting on the author’s end-of-the-chapter food for thought: *Come to The Fire* – pp. 135-136

3. What do you need to *get* in order to *keep* the fire of your faith burning? Circle the one below that you want to focus on and give attention to.

   ➢ Get a Log

   Do you need to keep on doing what you know to do? If so, mark the one thing below that you’re going to spend time and attention on this week.

   - Keep reading, meditating and applying God’s Word; don’t get far from the truth! Read John 8:31-32
   - Keep going to church, Life Group and/or Bible Study; don’t isolate! Read Hebrews 10:24-25
   - Keep being honest with God and a trusted friend; don’t stuff your feelings! Read Psalm 62:5-8
   - Keep pressing deeper into trust by letting go instead of trying to fix or understand; don’t confess what you feel! Read Proverbs 18:21
   - Keep focusing on eternity; don’t believe this is the final stop nor the end of the story! Read Colossians 3:1-2

   ➢ Get a Verse

   Do you need to find a truth or a promise in God’s Word for the season you’re in to pray, believe and declare? If so, find one today and do the following:

   ✓ Write it down.
   ✓ Personalize it.
   ✓ Pray it.
   ✓ Recite it when your heartache feels overwhelming.

   ➢ Get a DAWG

   Do you need to schedule a Day Alone with God? If so, do it today and ask a friend to hold you accountable.

   Calvary has a small Prayer Cabin up by the lodge at Harvest Fields that anyone can use by reservation. Contact Kristal Scott, Calvary’s Office Manager; kristal@calvarysc.org Tell her you’ve never been to the Prayer Cabin before. It’s an amazing place to spend extended time with God!