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Topic: Follow Your Calling

Scripture text: 1 Kings 19:19-21

1. The external call of God is given to all when the gospel is preached. The internal call of God is the irresistible call that will grant them the faith to receive Jesus Christ as their Saviour. As followers of Christ, we are called to follow God's will in our lives and bear a good testimony for Him.

2. Firstly, we must follow God's calling in our lives immediately. Elijah was tasked to appoint Elisha as his successor by casting his mantle upon Elisha. Elisha's calling from God was to be the chief prophet. Although Elisha's family was wealthy, he accepted the call to serve God willingly and immediately. Let us not procrastinate and serve God faithfully and readily.

3. Secondly, we must follow God's calling in our lives wholeheartedly and single-mindedly. Elisha set his mind to serve God without distractions when he left his occupation as a farmer. It was indicated by his deliberate act of boiling the oxen's flesh with the instruments of the oxen. Elisha professed his devotion to his calling when he bade his family farewell. Are there any distractions that hinder our service for God? We can only serve one Master - the Lord Jesus Christ.

4. Thirdly, we must follow God's calling in our lives patiently. God will bring His will to pass in our lives in His good time. There is a progression and good purpose in our service for the Lord. Although Elisha was appointed to be Elijah's successor, he began by humbly submitting himself to Elijah. Elisha was undergoing training until the timing of the Lord is right for him to be the chief prophet. Let us follow God's leading guidance each step of the way.