THE MINISTRY OF JESUS CONTINUES THROUGH YOU

2 KINGS 2:1-15 (ESV)

I. Elisha continued Elijah's prophetic ministry after him. Similarly, God wants us—as a church, households, and individuals—to continue _____ _____ ministry.

A. When Jesus _____ to the Father (like Elijah), He left His mission for the _____ to carry on.

B. God calls us to minister...

1. To a sinful, idolatrous, and _____ world...

Syncretism: when different _____ get _____ into a new one.

2. Through prophetic _____ and authoritative _____…

a. We tell people what Jesus _____ and did. Then we invite them to _____ Jesus.

b. The most important _____ you have of the Gospel is the _____ Jesus has made in your life.

II. Instead of _____ your capacity for this ministry, trust God to do what seems _____.

A. Elijah was an _____ _____ that God chose to use.

B. Elisha, likewise, did remarkable things because of God's _____ _____ within him.

C. During his ministry, even _____ relied on the Father's direction and the Spirit's empowerment.

D. The same Holy Spirit lives in Christians. Do you _____ Him to continue the Jesus' ministry through us?

III. Elisha's example invites us to _____ to be a part of Jesus' mission out of deep _____ for Him.

A. It is _____ to _____ to be used by God to continue Jesus' work.

B. Elisha's love for Elijah compelled him to the work. So also, love for Jesus will be the most powerful _____ to spread His _____ and message.