

# Committed to God's Call



As they were going along the road, someone said to him, **"I will follow you wherever you go."** And Jesus said to him, **"Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."** To another he said, **"Follow me."** But he said, **"Lord, let me first go and bury my father."** And Jesus said to him, **"Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."** Yet another said, **"I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home."** Jesus said to him, **"No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."** (Luke 9:57-62)

## "Called to Comfort or Commitment"

2 Kings 2:1-12

**Critical Concept:** Despite the pervasive darkness that grips our world, Christ's followers are called to stand firmly against the tide of unrighteousness as well as to live lives of personal righteousness.

### I. Living in a Godless Culture.

#### A. Two Essential Truths from 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings ...

- *The kings and the people of Israel had nothing but contempt for God in their hearts.*
- *God was faithful to His covenant promises and continued to call individuals to personal righteousness and to stand for righteousness in the midst of darkness.*

#### B. Feeling overwhelmed & outnumbered.

### III. God's Call & Our Response.

#### A. Remember Elijah's moment of despair?

#### B. Elijah ... Elisha ... and the invitation to comfort.

#### C. Elisha's commitment to God's call.

*What is God Saying to Me?* (Personal Application)