

ELIJAH

MAN ON FIRE

Part 5

Passing it On

This past weekend Pastor Ken finished *Elijah – Man on Fire*. We looked at the life of Elijah and our prayer was that the fire in Elijah would light a fire in us. Over these weeks, we hope that you met with someone at work, your family, or found a place to do it alone or with a friend and grew together during this series.

Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.”

1 Kings 18:21

1. This weekend we looked at being an influencer by mentoring others. This principle of passing it on goes all the way back to the Bible (read 1 Kings 19:19-21 and Proverbs 27:17). Elijah invited Elisha to come and learn how to be a prophet. Who in your life sharpens you like iron? Are you that to anyone else?
2. We all need to have a mentor and to be a mentor to someone else. If your thinking what do I have to offer, change your frame of mind to see yourself having something to offer. It could be knowledge, experience, skills, values and most importantly you have faith to offer. All it really takes is to be a little bit further down the road than someone else. Even if you just started your journey of faith, there are other people who are not even on the road, and you can be an influence by talking and praying with them and inviting them to church.
3. Mentoring and being mentored is one of the ways that God makes us into better people by bringing out the best in each other and releasing them to be the best version of themselves. If you're going to be a mentor or have a mentor, it takes a spirit of humility. You must be willing to admit you have room to grow and when your protégé goes farther than you rejoice with them.
4. The Apostle Paul knew the importance of flesh and blood examples when passing it on (read 1 Corinthians 4:16; 11:1, and Philippians 4:9). As you look back on your life, who has been a mentor to you?

Close in prayer