



**"COME ABOARD"**

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**How to experience the power of presence:**

**I. \_\_\_\_\_.**

*And it came about when the LORD was about to take up Elijah by a whirlwind to heaven, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here please, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. Then the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?" And he said, "Yes, I know; be still."*

*Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be still." Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." And he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.*

2 Kings 2:1–6 (NASB)

**II. \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Now fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood opposite them at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan. Elijah took his mantle and folded it together and struck the waters, and they were divided here and there, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground.*

*When they had crossed over, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please, let a double portion of your spirit be upon me." He said, "You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so." As they were going along and talking, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire and horses of fire which separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind to heaven. Elisha saw it and cried out, "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw Elijah no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.*

2 Kings 2:7–12 (NASB)

**III. Put what you learned into \_\_\_\_\_.**

*He also took up the mantle of Elijah that fell from him and returned and stood by the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him and struck the waters and said, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" And when he also had struck the waters, they were divided here and there; and Elisha crossed over. Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho opposite him saw him, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him and bowed themselves to the ground before him.*

2 Kings 2:13–15 (NASB)

**POINT:** \_\_\_\_\_.



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### Something to take home and chew on!

1. Who has invested in your life? In your career? In your Spiritual life? Who have you attached yourself to? Who has helped shape you into the person you are? Who is helping to shape you into the person you are becoming?
2. When have you experienced the power in the presence of God's people?
3. When are you present to Christ and the church in meaningful ways in your life?
4. Have there been areas of your Spiritual life in which you have allowed yourself to become disconnected from community?
5. What would it look like for you to take a step toward intentional Christian community in regular worship? Small group? Or service?

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### ANSWER KEY:

I. **DON'T QUIT TOO SOON.**

II. **SEE IT THROUGH.**

III. Put what you learned into **PRACTICE.**

Point: **THERE IS POWER IN PRESENCE.**