

## Are we going to stop now?

### Summary:

In the story of 2 Kings we read about the passing on of the anointing from Elijah to Elisha. Elisha does not want to let go of Elijah. When Elisha comes to cross the stream there are 50 prophets watching; we will have people watching us as we step out for God. It is good to be greedy, to want to step out and see miracles for God. Elisha grabbed the cloak and then slapped the river with it.

We know that Elisha received from Elijah – the man who stopped it raining for 3 years – yet he was a man just like us!

In Acts 2 the power of God falls upon the disciples and then in Acts 3 we read about Peter and John going to the temple and healing the man begging. Peter passed on what he had – are you using what you have? This led them to them getting into trouble with the authorities but they kept on going! Do not be surprised or intimidated when came 'under fire' for stepping out for God.

We must remember that the 'normal Christian life' is about seeing the kingdom advance, healing the sick, casting out demons and raising the dead!

There is great power in the laying on of hands. Wayne Grudem describes this as a 'grace' to the church. We need to take back our right to do these things. We need to be pumped with the Holy Spirit. Nothing special is required for supernatural living except to be filled with Him and have lots of practice!

### Application:

Please select from the following questions, encouraging all to take part and to be honest.

1. Was there anything shared on Sunday that needs clarifying for you?
2. What was the main thing God said to you on Sunday and what are you going to do as a result?
3. On a scale of 1-10 (1 not bothered 10 desperate)... How greedy are you for God? Explain.
4. Is there anything that you used to do for God that you have now stopped? Why?
5. What has stopped you going for God and how have you overcome it?
6. Write out a sentence summarising the normal Christian life and then pray it every day.
7. What is in your way as a Christian that you need to 'slap' tonight?

I suggest you lay hands on and pray for each other.