

Small Groups at *The Refuge*

ELISHA—1

GET YOUR CALL ON: RIDICULOUS COMMITMENT

1 Kings 19:19-21 NLT

The Call of Elisha

19 So Elijah went and found Elisha son of Shaphat plowing a field. There were twelve teams of oxen in the field, and Elisha was plowing with the twelfth team. Elijah went over to him and threw his cloak across his shoulders and then walked away. **20** Elisha left the oxen standing there, ran after Elijah, and said to him, "First let me go and kiss my father and mother good-bye, and then I will go with you!" Elijah replied, "Go on back, but think about what I have done to you." **21** So Elisha returned to his oxen and slaughtered them. He used the wood from the plow to build a fire to roast their flesh. He passed around the meat to the townspeople, and they all ate. Then he went with Elijah as his assistant.

[Elisha] was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. 1 Kings 19:19b

Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. 1 Kings 19:19c

TWO PRINCIPLES OF RIDICULOUS COMMITMENT

1) YOU DON'T HAVE TO UNDERSTAND FULLY TO OBEY IMMEDIATELY.

Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye," he said, "and then I will come with you."

1 Kings 19:20

2) THOSE GOD USES THE MOST ARE THE ONES WHO HOLD ON TO THE LEAST.

So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant. 1 Kings 19:21

Ridiculous
Commitment