

T O D A Y ' S M E S S A G E :

THE MENTOR  
AND THE APPRENTICE

1 K I N G S 1 9 ,

2 K I N G S 2

# THE DAYS OF ELIJAH

**Feb. 4 - "The Lord Is My God" 1 Kings 16-17**

**Feb. 11 - "Let It Be Known" 1 Kings 18**

**Feb. 25 - "God's Gentle Whisper" 1 Kings 19**

**March 3 - "The Mentor & The Apprentice" 1 Kings 19; 2 Kings 2**

## 1 Kings 19:19-21

**<sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> 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.” <sup>21</sup> 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.**

**What do you want to be  
when you grow up?**

**What on earth  
am I going to do now?**



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**You are called!**





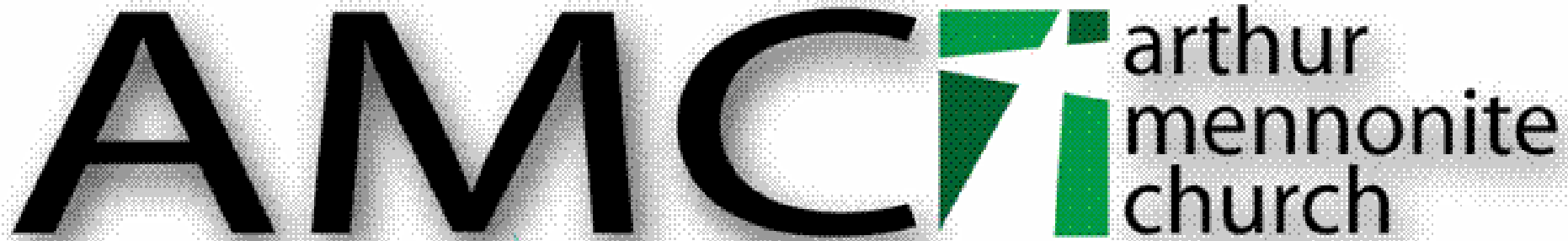
***God has called us as a fellowship of Anabaptist congregations to be a Spirit-led movement to:***

- Make disciples of Jesus***
- Mobilize every member as a missionary, and***
- Multiply faith communities locally and beyond!***

**Mentor:** *An experienced and trusted person who gives another person advice and help as related to life, faith, work or school, over a period of time.*

**Apprentice:** *One who is learning by practical experience under skilled workers as it relates to life, faith, work, or school.*





*By 2027, Arthur Mennonite Church will become a community of children and adults who build deeper relationships with each other. We will guide our children to learn God's Word and know Jesus personally. Opportunities for the spiritual growth of all ages will be provided as we boldly share God's love to the world.*

**Nurture The Future Church!**

# **Be Intentional about Mentoring**

- At home
- At work
- At school
- In the Church
- In your close relationships

***Who has been or currently is my mentor?***

***Who am I mentoring & helping along the way?***

## 2 Kings 2:1-15

*When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were traveling from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the LORD has told me to go to Bethel." But Elisha replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and you yourself live, I will never leave you!" So they went down together to Bethel. The group of prophets from Bethel came to Elisha and asked him, "Did you know that the LORD is going to take your master away from you today?" "Of course I know," Elisha answered. "But be quiet about it." Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the LORD has told me to go to Jericho." But Elisha replied again, "As surely as the LORD lives and you yourself live, I will never leave you." So they went on together to Jericho.*

**Then the group of prophets from Jericho came to Elisha and asked him, “Did you know that the LORD is going to take your master away from you today?” “Of course I know,” Elisha answered. “But be quiet about it.” Then Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the LORD has told me to go to the Jordan River.” But again Elisha replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and you yourself live, I will never leave you.” So, they went on together. Fifty men from the group of prophets also went and watched from a distance as Elijah and Elisha stopped beside the Jordan River. Then Elijah folded his cloak together and struck the water with it. The river divided, and the two of them went across on dry ground!**

*When they came to the other side, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I can do for you before I am taken away." And Elisha replied, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit and become your successor." "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah replied. "If you see me when I am taken from you, then you will get your request. But if not, then you won't." As they were walking along and talking, suddenly a chariot of fire appeared, drawn by horses of fire. It drove between the two men, separating them, and Elijah was carried by a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha saw it and cried out, "My father! My father! I see the chariots and charioteers of Israel!" And as they disappeared from sight, Elisha tore his clothes in distress.*

*Elisha picked up Elijah's cloak, which had fallen when he was taken up. Then Elisha returned to the bank of the Jordan River. He struck the water with Elijah's cloak and cried out, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" Then the river divided, and Elisha went across.*

*When the group of prophets from Jericho saw from a distance what happened, they exclaimed, "Elijah's spirit rests upon Elisha!" And they went to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.*

*When they came to the other side, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I can do for you before I am taken away." And Elisha replied, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit and become your successor."*

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Fear not, for I am with you; be not  
dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you, I will help you,  
I will uphold you with  
my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10