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The Call Of God Is:

– The Call To Follow His Plan For Our Lives

– The Call To God's Will

– The Call To God's Ways
(1 Ki 19:19 NIV) So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. (20) Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother good-by," he said, "and then I will come with you." "Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?" (21) 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 attendant.
It's Time To Get Our Priorities In Order

• *Elisha Responded To God's Calling Because He Had His Priorities Ordered Correctly*
A Few Things We See In Elisha:

• *He Was A Wealthy Son*

• *He Was Faithful, Diligent, And Humble*

• *He Was A Willing Worker*

• *He Had His Priorities In Order*

• *He Responded Quickly To The Call Of God*

• *He Had A Bright Future*
Elisha Came To A Cross Roads In His Life:

• *Would It Be His Way Or God’s Way?*

• *He Had Been Waiting For A Higher Call*

• *He Knew There Was Something More*

• *When He Was Called -- He Said “Yes Lord”*
Elijah’s Throwing His Cloak On Elisha Meant:

• *Elisha Was To Become Like Him*

• *He Was To Hold The Same Office*

• *He Was To Discharge The Same Functions*

• *A Whole New Way Of Life*

• *From Plow-Boy To Prophet*
Burning the Plow

- Elisha **Immediately** Began To Take The Necessary Steps To Follow
A Priority

• Establishes And Places A Value On Things

• Gives One Thing Precedence Over Another Thing

• Makes One Thing More Important Than Another
When We Know Our Priorities -- We Can Make Decisions That Line Up With Those Priorities

• *Things That Matter*

• *Things That Count*

• *Things That Are Going To Affect Us*

• *Things Eternal Rather Than Temporal*
How We Set Our Priorities Really Does Effect The Overall Outcome Of Our Lives

• *In School Work* – *Right Priorities = Success*

• *In Employment* – *Right Priorities = Success*

• *In Spiritual Walk* – *Right Priorities = Success*
• When We Put God First In Every Area Of Life
  – When He Calls We Say “Here I Am Lord, Send Me”

• Questions Of Priority Force Decisions Between
  **Something: Important** And **Most Important**
The Priority Of “The Call”

• The Call To Follow God Is The Single Most Important Thing In Our Lives

• It Is The Difference Between Us Being Fulfilled In Life And Us Being Failures In Life
God's Call And Plan Is What We Were Created For

- Miss God’s Plan -- Miss The Reason You Are Here

- Elisha Didn't Become Fulfilled Until He Was Doing What God Had Called Him To

- There Is A Giant Unfulfilling Hole In Those Who Don't Know What They Are Supposed To Be About
To Follow God We Must Willing To Burn Our Plows

• Our Plow Is Anything And Everything In Our Lives That Comes Between Us And God
• We Can Only Adopt And Find God's Agenda When We Destroy And Burn The Plows That Keep Us Toiling Behind Our Agendas

• When We Follow God
  – We Find God's Ambition
  – We Reap God's Harvest
• Heb 12:29 ... “Our God Is A Consuming Fire.”

• God’s Fire Consumes Us – *It Burns Out The Sinful And Unnecessary “Stuff” In Our Lives*

• God’s Fire Prepares Us— *It Gets Us Ready To Be Used*
True Christianity And True Ministry Don't Start Until We Say: “Lord I Will Follow You!”

- We Can’t Be True Disciples Until We Have Rid Ourselves Of Everything That Has Held Us Back

- (Mat 16:24 NIV) Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."
Burning the Plow

• There Is Nothing In Our Past That Is Worth Giving Up Our Future In Christ For

• Burning The Plow = “I’m Not Going Back!”
The Call Of God Leads To *Evangelism*
- Elisha Told His Friends “I Have A New Life”

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Our Call To Christ

• Jesus Is Walking Through The Fields Of Your Life Saying “Leave Your Plow Behind And Follow Me”

• The Big Question Is... Will You Put Down Your Agenda And Follow His Agenda?