

Don't Just Talk About It... Reach Out And Take Hold Of It!

2 Kings 2:1-6

1. When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.
2. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.
3. The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "but do not speak of it."
4. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho.
5. The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," he replied, "but do not speak of it."
6. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on.

2 Kings 2:11 - As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.

2 Kings 2:13-14

- 13 He also TOOK UP the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan.
- 14 Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" And when he also had struck the water, it was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over.

Judges 15:15 (MEV) - Then he found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, REACHED OUT his hand and TOOK IT, and with it struck down a thousand men.

Exodus 4:1-4(NIV)

- 1 Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The Lord did not appear to you'?"

2 Then the Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied.

3 The Lord said, "Throw it on the ground." Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it.

4 Then the Lord said to him, "REACH OUT YOUR HAND AND TAKE IT by the tail." So Moses reached out and TOOK HOLD of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand.

1. They were all used by God mightily!

2. They all three had something they needed within reach, but they had to REACH OUT AND TAKE IT!

Matt. 16:18 - "Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Ps 46:4

1. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

2. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

3. though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. Selah (Think about it)

Ps 46:4-5 -There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.(Church of Jesus Christ) God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

Ps 46:10-11 - "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Isa. 60:1-2 - "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

Isa. 60:3 - "Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn."

Cor. 4:1-2

1. So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God.
2. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must PROVE FAITHFUL.

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Jn. 20:17a - Jesus told her, "Don't hold on to me! I have not yet gone to the Father.

Jn. 20:17b - "But tell my disciples that I am going to the one who is my Father and my God, as well as your Father and your God."

Mt. 28:18-20 "...All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Luke 24:49-51

49. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

50. When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them.

51. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.

Esther 4:14 - For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

2 Kings 2:12 - Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he **TOOK HOLD OF HIS GARMENT AND TORE IT IN TWO.**

Eph. 4:22-24

22. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;
23. to be made new in the attitude of your minds;
24. and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.