

God's provision is seen as He raises up other faithful workers in His harvest field (Matthew 9:37-38). There is nothing wrong with being 'jealous' for God – His Name to be glorified, His people to be shepherded well. But let us not be jealous for selfish reasons. Instead, celebrate His Spirit upon other individuals. Rejoice as this new generation rises up to lead. (O, let us pray *all* will lead well!) God always comes through as we look to Him in faith.

4. Moses needed help. He was weary from carrying the heavy burden of the people. Elijah needed help. He was about to be taken up to heaven and was ready to pass along the mantle of anointed leadership. Close by reading Hebrews 13:17. How can we partner with our spiritual leaders to lead well Christ's church?

Consider where you are in this time of transition, the Land Between—

- What are you doing here? What fear has you running?
- With whom do you need to work things out?
- What has you so angry and critical? Where is this spiritual jealousy coming from?
- Will you trust God to provide and make you fruitful in your maturity? (Psalm 1: 3)
- What is the best father's day gift you can give you Heavenly Father?

*"Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Has my arm lost its power? Now you will see whether or not my word comes true!'" Numbers 11:23*

### One Year Bible Readings

**June 21:** 2 Kings 1:1-2:25, Acts 13:42-14:7, Psalm 139:1-24, Proverbs 17:19-21

**June 22:** 2 Kings 3:1-4:17, Acts 14:8-28, Psalm 140:1-13, Proverbs 17:22

**June 23:** 2 Kings 4:18-5:27, Acts 15:1-35, Psalm 141:1-10, Proverbs 17:23

**June 24:** 2 Kings 6:1-7:20, Acts 15:36-16:15, Psalm 142:1-7, Proverbs 17:24-25

**June 25:** 2 Kings 8:1-9:13, Acts 16:16-40, Psalm 143:1-12, Proverbs 17:26

**June 26:** 2 Kings 9:14-10:31, Acts 17:1-34, Psalm 144:1-15, Proverbs 17:27-28

**June 27:** 2 Kings 10:32-12:21, Acts 18:1-22, Psalm 145:1-21, Proverbs 18:1

# The Land Between

**Text: 2 Kings 2: 1-14**

## Plain Truth:

There's \_\_\_\_\_ in transition  
when we \_\_\_\_\_ the  
\_\_\_\_\_!

## In Transition we have a Propensity to Miss:

1. The Land is \_\_\_\_\_ with  
\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Missed \_\_\_\_\_ equal  
missed \_\_\_\_\_.

# Life Group/Personal Study

The Land Between • Week of June 21

The Land Between is uncharted territory. If we could ask two men who have run the race before us – Moses about complainers (Israelites in the wilderness) and Elijah about an idolatrous king (Ahab) – they would probably say, *press on*. Be careful not to miss God’s instructions. God’s provision can get blurred in the trek of transition. Keep an eye on the big picture, the Promised Land. Unprecedented times can certainly cause unprecedented frustration. But the Lord knows we are weak and can become angry. They might say, what you don’t want to do is give up and fall away.

## Read 1 Kings 19:13-18

Elijah was physically, spiritually, and emotionally drained after the contest on Mt. Carmel (1 Kings 18). Though the LORD showed up and proved that He alone is GOD (v39), threats uttered by an evil and wicked individual caused Elijah to run for his life. Yes, even a man of God can have times of weakness and meltdown. Much like Moses in Numbers 11:15, Elijah prayed that he might die. “I have had enough, LORD... Take my life, for I am no better than my ancestors who have already died” (1 Kings 19:4).

1. While it is true that if you know Christ, you have a home with the Lord in heaven (Praise Him, Hallelujah!), God does not want us to wish to die. The very fact that we are still among the living is proof that He has more work (assignments) for us to accomplish. Think about a time you may have ‘prayed to die’ – looking back, what would you have missed if the Lord had answered your prayer to die?

**God still had work for Moses. God still had work for Elijah.**

**Read Numbers 11:16-17 and 2 Kings 2:1-14**

2. There is provision in times of transition when we follow the Lord’s instructions. God instructed Moses to gather seventy leaders and bring them to the Tabernacle (Numbers 11:16). God instructed Elijah to ‘anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from the town of Abel-Meholah to replace you as my prophet’ (1 Kings 19:16). What miraculous outpouring did God provide, according to Numbers 11:17 and 2 Kings 2:9,13-15?

How did Joshua react to the seventy Spirit-filled-elders prophesying, according to Numbers 11:28?

Notice Moses’ response—

*“But Moses replied, ‘Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD’s people were prophets and that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them all!’” (Number 11:29)*

3. When have you struggled with spiritual jealousy (be honest)?

Why, what caused it to surface?

There are other examples in Scripture when faithful individuals become spiritually jealous or territorial, i.e. Luke 9:49-50, Luke 22:24, John 3:25-26. Even in the book of Acts (the account of the birth and growth of the early church) Peter was criticized after entering the home of a Gentile. But when he explains what happened – and how God was in it! – the other believers “stopped objecting and began praising God” (Acts 11:18). Read what the LORD promised through the prophet Joel—

*“Then the LORD will pity His people and jealously guard the honor of His land. The LORD will reply, ‘Look! I am sending you grain and new wine and olive oil, enough to satisfy your needs... I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on servants—men and women alike” (Joel 2:18-19a,28-29).*