



Before the THRONE *The Devotional*

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2 Kings 2:1-6

“Then Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here please, for the LORD is sending me on to Bethel.” But Elisha said, “No way! As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!” So they went down to Bethel together.” 2 Kings 2:1-6 (author’s paraphrase)

Life presents us with opportunity after opportunity to draw back from serving the LORD. “But when the young men heard that saying he went away sorrowful; for he had a great many possession.” (Matthew 19:22)

Every Christian will face a “Peter Moment” uniquely tailored for their own situation, personality, and circumstances. “Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Though all men shall be offended because of You, but I will never be offended.” Jesus said to him, “Verily, I say to you that this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times!” (Matthew 26:33-34)

Would that every temptation to draw back from the faith be so overt in it’s attack upon us! Most such temptations are extremely subtle, couched in reasonable and polite speech and can even come from other believers! “Stay here please, for the LORD is sending me on to Bethel.”

Staying focused upon the Lord Jesus Christ and His plan is a full time pursuit. Look not to the left or to the right, but maintain a single eye of devotion to Him Who is our Life and Hope!