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Pursuing Spiritual Authenticity
“Elisha: Receiving a Spiritual Legacy”
 I Kings 19:13-21

Elijah Passes the Torch to Elisha

- Passing the torch often times involves **humility**.
- Giving and receiving a spiritual legacy must involve **mentoring**.

An emerging term for mentoring today = **coaching**.

Exercise:

Receiving a Spiritual Legacy

People who have passed on the torch of faith to me are:

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A Call to Bear the Torch

- Bearing the torch often times involves **sacrifice**.

Elisha **freely chooses** to become Elijah’s “attendant” and he burns his **plowing equipment** as a sign of total loyalty to his commitment.
- When someone **accepts** the call to “bear the torch”, it needs to be **celebrated**.

Elisha Carries the Flame

- Elisha asks for a “**double portion**” of the Spirit – this is language of **inheritance**, not greed.
- One of the best lessons we learn from Elisha is that God is a “**big - jar**” God.

When we bring a few **jars** to God, he will only fill a few.
 When we bring many **jars** to God, he will fill many.

Giving a Spiritual Legacy

- To pass the torch, we need a **bold** but **humble** heart.
- Those who receive our spiritual legacy must have a **coachable spirit** and a **humble spirit**.

Exercise:

Giving a Spiritual Legacy

People to whom God wants me to pass the torch to are:

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READING PLAN:

Complete Track

Monday - Jeremiah 21-23; Psalm 110
 Tuesday - Jeremiah 24-27; Psalm 111
 Wednesday - Jeremiah 28-30; Psalm 112
 Thursday - Jeremiah 31-32; Psalm 113
 Friday - Jeremiah 33-36; Psalm 114
 Weekend - Jeremiah 37-46

Fast Track

1st Reading - I Kings 19:15-21;
 2 Kings 2; Psalm 84
 2nd Reading - 2 Kings 3-4;
 Psalm 145
 3rd Reading - 2 Kings 5-6;
 Psalm 144