



2 Kings 2:1–18

1 Thessalonians 5:24

The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:24

BIBLICAL PASSAGE

MEMORY VERSE

Think of all the mentors in the lives of your teenagers: You. Grandparents. Youth Minister. Bible study leader. The pastor. School teacher. An older friend. So many may play the role of mentor in their lives. Everyone needs a mentor. It has been said that we all need a Paul and a Timothy in our lives, someone we are mentoring and someone by whom we are being mentored.

Read 2 Kings 2:1–18. Elijah was about to leave this earth, and Elisha was to be his successor. Elisha valued the time he had left to spend with Elijah and refused to leave his side. He knew he would need the same indwelling of the Spirit that Elijah had known in order to be able to

accomplish the purposes of God. He also needed God's wisdom and knowledge, the same He had given to Elijah.

We're not made to travel through this life alone. There are those who are older and wiser, who love the Lord and are capable of sharing their experiences in such a way that we may learn from them. Youth need such mentors in their lives. There is nothing quite so rewarding as hearing their stories as they reflect back on those who helped them lay a strong foundation—one of following after God. Are you a mentor?

FAMILY DEVOTION TIME

Connect . . .

The family takes turns sharing stories of those who had a great impact in their lives as mentors. Tell such things as: 1) What that mentor passed along to you; 2) The things you value most from the experience of their mentoring; 3) How they helped point you to God and His will.

Explore . . .

First, a family member reads 2 Kings 2:1–18. Then, another family member reads: **What did Elisha seem to value the most from his mentoring experience with Elijah? Why was it important for Elisha to learn from Elijah? How does God use godly mentors to prepare us to accomplish His purposes?**

Transform . . .

The family discusses: **Are you presently walking with a mentor in your life, or mentoring someone else? If so, who is that person? Have you ever considered mentoring as you are being mentored by someone else? What do you hope to carry away from a mentoring relationship by being mentored, or mentoring?**

Pray that God will bring godly mentors into the lives of your family members. Pray that God would prepare you to mentor someone else.