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Message Series: Hold Nothing Back

Today's Message: Get Urgent... Today

Life Lessons from Al-Rehaif:

1. He reciprocated with risk.
2. He reacted right away - he allowed impact to move quickly - he didn't _____ it.
3. He released the outcomes; no matter what he was going regardless.
4. He _____ retreat; he did not look for a back door so he could back off.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 "When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power."

Philippians 1:21 "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

1 Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in Christ Jesus your labor is not in vain."

Get Urgent... Today

1. _____ Your Past to Grasp Your Future

1 Kings 19:19-21

Elisha Take-A-Ways:

1. You can't grab onto your future while holding on to the _____.
2. We call it: safety... comfort... security... responsibility... really _____... EXCUSES
3. We tend to hold onto our past for far too long and treat the past as if it were our future.
4. We are afraid that if we leave something behind in our past, there is not something better waiting for us in the future.
5. If you let success own you, you will find yourself trapped by your success and _____ by the possibility of failure.
6. **Set Your Past On Fire**

2 Kings 2:2, 4, 6 - 3x's - Elisha tells Elijah: "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you."

2 Kings 2:9 "... Elijah said to Elisha, 'Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken from you.' And Elisha said, 'Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.'"

2. Don't _____ Until You Are Finished

2 Kings 13:14-20

The Choice: To either open ourselves to God's bigger future or ensure that we make our future smaller than He intends for us.

2 Kings 13:19 "Then the man of God was angry with him... 'You should have struck five or six times'..."

Why Did the King Quit? ... tired? ... felt silly? ... was proud? ... felt futile?

The Reality: He quit and the victory was lost; he didn't want it badly enough!

Personal Application:

1. I pray too little, expect too little, do too little.
2. Sometimes—I look for the least I can do; doing only the bare minimum.
3. At Life's End: "I gave everything I had" or "An emptiness—I quit too soon."

The Great Tragedy: To live your life "waiting for" instead of living your life preparing for the moment for God's glory lived and seen thru you.

⇒ Elisha died knowing he Held Nothing Back, the King died knowing he had settled for less than God's Best.

⇒ Allow God to shape your Passions by Loving God with all your heart, mind, and soul.