

A WHIRLWIND PLAN FOR THE CHURCH

2 Kings 2: 1-11 NIV





The question for
Christians is how to
remain faithful when it
is hard to tell what it
means to be faithful.

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

2 Kings 2:1-2 NIV



WHEN WE EXPERIENCE
GREAT CHANGES TAKING
PLACE, WE REVISIT OUR
FAITH.





The sign a whirlwind church is
one that is well connected
with heaven.

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho.

2 Kings 2:4 NIV



The sign a whirlwind church is
one that lives new victories.

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on.

2 Kings 2:6 NIV



The sign a whirlwind
church is one that sees
evidence of God, now.



A new sign of a whirlwind church is like the test of Elisha's faith, is whether we can see the invisible framework behind the visible reality of life.



WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE
CHURCH, WHAT DO YOU SEE?

As Christians we affirm the words recorded in Ephesians 1:22-23 that God *"has put all things under (Christ's) feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all."*



WHAT MAKES US A
WHIRLWIND CHURCH?

Behind the visible signs of the church as an organization of people who join together on their journey of faith, there is an invisible force that is shaping the people of God as the church.

The visible organization (the church) will inevitably change as it has in a variety of ways in the last 2,000 years, but there is a visible presence, in Christ for those who see it, are the ones who are looking for it.

