

BIG SHOES TO FILL
2 KINGS 2:9 / 2-20-18 / PM

I. ELISHA'S LIFE.

A. His background.

1. His story is found in 1 Kings 19:16 thru 2 Kings 13:20.
2. His name means "God is Savior or Salvation."
3. His ministry was to Israel, the Northern Kingdom.

B. His selection as a prophet.

1. God instructed Elijah to select Elisha as his successor—1 Kings 19:16.
2. He asked for double of Elijah's spirit—2 Kings 2:9.
3. His request was fulfilled—2 Kings 2:10-15.
4. He performed 16 miracles, twice as many as Elijah.
5. Elisha's service was primarily one of helping others.

II. ELISHA'S LESSONS.

1. He was teachable.
2. He volunteered to serve God by asking for a double portion of Elijah's spirit.
3. He served God by serving other people—Matt. 20:26-28.
4. He demonstrated the importance of faith.
5. He was committed to follow God without reservation—1 Kings 19:19-21 and Luke 9:62.
6. In being willing to fill someone else's shoes God used him.