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When you hear the name Kirk Gibson, if you know baseball, you quickly flash to the 1988 World Series. He was the walk-off pinch hitter whose home run won the game in the bottom of the 9th with two outs! It was highly improbable that the Dodgers would win, and nearly impossible to imagine that an injured Gibson would have a part in it. I'd like you to imagine something you don't see from the film of that historic game: How do you think Gibson felt when Tommy Lasorda said, "It's your turn"!? A moment he will never forget. The same happens to people when God says, "It's your turn."

Questions for Discussion

1. When you hear those words, "It's your turn," what memories come to mind? (First time driving, cooking, comforting a baby, performing a surgery, etc.)
2. Put yourself in Elisha's place in 2 Kings 2:9-10. Describe how he must have felt. What do you think 2:14 did for Elisha's confidence?
3. When God calls out to you ... how do you confirm that He got the right person? (See James 4:13-16 and Proverbs 11:14.)
4. Read 2 Kings 2:13-18. Describe the reaction of the School of Prophets to Elisha. In what ways have you had someone question your calling? How did you respond?
5. In your own words, explain why Elisha 'healing' Jericho's water is full of insight into God's heart. (See Joshua 6:26, 1 Kings 16:34 and 2 Kings 2:19-22.)
6. How has God fixed the *foul water* of your life?
7. Be honest: When you think of opposition against you because you belong to God, do you think 2 Kings 2:23-24 was an appropriate response? (Compare 1 Pet. 2:23 with Mt. 21:33-46.)

Digging Deeper in God's Word

Acts 1:1-11; Mt. 9:36-38; Rom. 12:1-8; 1 Pet. 4:10-11; Jude 9;
Mt. 5:11-12; James 4:6; Habakkuk 1:5; Joel 2:25-32; Is. 59:1-2;
Ps. 51:1-13; Ps. 105:15; 1 Chron. 16:21-22; 1 Pet. 2:23; Mt. 12:22-37;
John 10:10

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