

Our Mission

*Beth Shalom is a House of Peace.
We worship the Lord,
Reach out to Sinners,
Teach Believers,
Care for the Needy, and
Encourage Each Other in the Lord.*

**CHURCH CALENDAR &
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Church School - Sunday 9:30am
Worship Service - Sunday 11:00 am
Prayer & Bible Study - Wednesday
7:00pm

Peace Benediction in E^b

Please don't worry about anything;
But pray and ask God for everything
you need. Always giving thanks and
He'll give you peace for your heart
and mind.

And the peace of God
which surpasses all your understanding
will keep your heart and mind
in Christ Jesus the Lord.
*(Adapted from Philippians 4:6, 7
Music by Darrell J. Gaskin)*

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*Pressing toward the Mark, Reaching Our Potential.
Phil 3:14 (KJV)*

**Lessons from the Life and
Times of Elisha the Prophet**
*A Double
Portion of Your
Spirit*

**Beth Shalom
AME Zion
Church**

Rev. Dr. Darrell J. Gaskin, *Pastor*
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A Compassionate Ministry

I want a double portion of your spirit. What? Why? And How?

1. What do you expect to get out of this class?
2. As a disciple of Christ, what do you expect to learn?
3. Learn from the example of Elisha and Elijah. Elisha was Elijah's mentee. God selected Elisha to train with Elijah as part of his succession plan. 1 King 19:15-21
4. Elijah covered Elisha with his mantle. 1 Kings 19:19 What did that mean?
5. Notice, the focus of their ministries is different. Each is relevant for its time.
 - Elijah - Yah is God! (Confronted Israel's Culture of Idolatry.)
 - Elisha - God is salvation! (Encouraged Israel as she faced her foreign enemies.)
6. Elisha wanted a double portion of what? Elijah's spirit - 'Ruwach'



OUR BIBLICAL TEXT FOR TODAY

¹⁹ So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. 1 Kings 19:19 (NIV)

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. 2 Kings 2:9 (NIV)

What is your spirit "Ruwach"?

It is your passion, desire, courage and zeal. It is the spirit that underlies your ability and authority to minister.

Why do you need "Ruwach"?

It is the faith you use to exercise your God given gifts and authority.

How do you get "Ruwach"?

Ruwach comes from the Lord. It is His anointing falling on you to activate the gifts and training you received. Like Elisha say, "Where is the God of Elijah?" "Where is the God of my mentors?"

¹³ Elisha then picked up Elijah's cloak that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ He took the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and struck the water with it. "Where now is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over. 2 Kings 2:13-14, NIV

Our Prayer is that

You Receive God's Peace through

P – Powerful Preaching

E – Excellent Teaching

A – Awesome Praise & Worship

C – Creative Ministry

E – Engage, Exciting &

Effervescent Fellowship.

PEACE³

What did Pastor Gaskin Preach About?

Who is or who was your mentor in the faith? Who taught you about Jesus and showed you how to serve him? Is your Pastor one of your mentors? He or she should be? Some of your mentors have passed, some are still alive. What did you get from your mentors? Or what are you getting out of the mentor-mentee relationship? Get the training but also get the "right" spirit. Follow Elisha example: Ask for a double portion of your mentor's spirit. This spirit is the anointing that undergirds your ability and authority to serve the Lord and minister to people. You need passion, desire, courage and zeal to serve. You need faith to face the challenges of ministry. Call on the God of your mentors to show up and show out in your ministry.

WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THIS MESSAGE?

1. Thank God for your mentors in the faith. Think about what each of them taught you.
2. Examine your "Ruwach"? Is it sufficient for your ministry?
3. Ask God to give you a double portion of your mentors' spirit.