

Title: Driving Like A Madman
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The Call

2 Kings 9:1-6

¹The prophet Elisha summoned a man from the company of the prophets and said to him, “Tuck your cloak into your belt, take this flask of olive oil with you and go to Ramoth Gilead. ²When you get there, look for Jehu son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi. Go to him, get him away from his companions and take him into an inner room. ³and pour the oil over his head. Say to him, ‘This is what the Lord says: I anoint you to be the king over Israel.’ Then open the door and run for your life!” ⁴So the young prophet did as he was told and went to Ramoth-gilead. ⁵When he arrived there, he found Jehu sitting around with the other army officers. “I have a message for you, Commander,” he said. “For which one of us?” Jehu asked. “For you, Commander,” he replied. ⁶So Jehu left the others and went into the house. Then the young prophet poured the oil over Jehu’s head and said, “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I anoint you king over the Lord’s people, Israel.

The Enemies

2 Kings 9:7-11

⁷You are to destroy the family of Ahab, your master. In this way, I will avenge the murder of my prophets and all the Lord’s servants who were killed by Jezebel. ⁸The entire family of Ahab must be wiped out. I will destroy every one of his male descendants, slave and free alike, anywhere in Israel. ⁹I will destroy the family of Ahab as I destroyed the families of Jeroboam son of Nebat and of Baasha son of Ahijah. Dogs will eat Ahab’s wife Jezebel at the plot of land in Jezreel, and no one will bury her.” Then the young prophet opened the door and ran. ¹¹Jehu went back to his fellow officers, and one of them asked him, “What did that madman want? Is everything all right?” “You know how a man like that babbles on,” Jehu replied.

- Jezebel: a spirit of intimidation, fear, manipulation and control.
- Ahab: a spirit of compromise & materialism.
- Their purpose: suppression of the prophetic voice.

Ephesians 6:12

¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Confirmation

2 Kings 9:12-13

¹²“You’re hiding something,” they said. “Tell us. So Jehu told them, “He said to me, ‘This is what the Lord says: I have anointed you to be king over Israel.’” ¹³Then they quickly spread out their cloaks on the bare steps and blew the ram’s horn, shouting, “Jehu is king!”

2 Timothy 1:6 (see also Acts 6:1-7)

⁶Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

Riding towards your destiny

2 Kings 9:16-17

¹⁶Then Jehu got into a chariot and rode to Jezreel to find King Joram, who was lying there wounded. King Ahaziah of Judah was there, too, for he had gone to visit him. ¹⁷The watchman on the tower of Jezreel saw Jehu and his company approaching, so he shouted to Joram, "I see a company of troops coming!"

No time for compromise

2 Kings 9:17-18

¹⁷....."Send out a rider to ask if they are coming in peace," King Joram ordered. ¹⁸So a horseman went out to meet Jehu and said, "The king wants to know if you are coming in peace." Jehu replied, "What do you know about peace? Fall in behind me!" The watchman called out to the king, "The messenger has met them, but he's not returning."

Driving like a madman

2 Kings 9:19-20

¹⁹So the king sent out a second horseman. He rode up to them and said, "The king wants to know if you come in peace." Again Jehu answered, "What do you know about peace? Fall in behind me!" ²⁰The watchman exclaimed, "The messenger has met them, but he isn't returning either! It must be Jehu son of Nimshi, for he's driving like a madman."

Riding towards your destiny

Hebrews 10:19

¹⁹Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of the Jesus, ²⁰by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh...

1 Corinthians 14:1

¹Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

Proverbs 18:22

²²He who finds a wife, finds a good thing and obtains favour from the Lord.

No sleeping with the enemy

2 Kings 9:21-22

²¹"Quick! Get my chariot ready!" King Joram commanded. Then King Joram of Israel and King Ahaziah of Judah rode out in their chariots to meet Jehu. They met him at the plot of land that had belonged to Naboth of Jezreel. ²²King Joram demanded, "Do you come in peace, Jehu?" Jehu replied, "How can there be peace as long as the idolatry and witchcraft of your mother, Jezebel, are all around us?"

Seizing the moment

2 Kings 9:23-24

²³Then King Joram turned the horses around and fled, shouting to King Ahaziah, “Treason, Ahaziah!” ²⁴But Jehu drew his bow and shot Joram between the shoulders. The arrow pierced his heart, and he sank down dead in his chariot.

2 Timothy 1:7

⁷For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Our daily drive to the cross

Luke 9:23-24

²³Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. ²⁴For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save.”

Philippians 2:3-4

³Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

A Kingdom at war

Matthew 11:12

¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of God suffers violence and the violent take it by force.