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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.²⁰ Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye," he said, "and then I will come with you." "Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?" ²¹ So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant. 1 Kings 19:19-21 (NIV)

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Two Principles of Ridiculous Commitment

1. You don't have to understand ______ to obey

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My Next Step Today Is To...

- Give my heart to God and follow Him.
- Take a "ridiculous" step of faith and turn all of my life over to Him.
- Ask God to show me what I need to obey immediately.
- Memorize and/or meditate on Matthew 6:31-32
 - ³¹ "Don't worry and say, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?'
 ³² That's what those people who don't know God are always thinking about. Don't worry, because your Father in heaven knows that you need all these things. (ERV)