



Course 8, Session 6 Student Notes: Accelerate Your Focus, Build Beyond Yourself

The Double Portion

Big Idea: The final stage of scaling is building something that no longer depends on you. You scale by who, not how, raising others who will carry it further than you could alone.

How to use these notes. These are yours to study on your own, before or after the session. Read each section slowly. Under every principle there is a **Notes** space to write what stands out to you, and a **Reflect** question to answer honestly in writing. Keep your Bible nearby. Take about 30 minutes, and end in prayer. Bring your notes and questions to the group. This is the final session of Course 8 and of the Academy, so it carries a capstone at the end. You have changed your frame, raised your floor, and focused your path. Now we learn to build beyond ourselves, so the good outlasts us.

Open in Prayer

Before you begin, pray this simple prayer, or your own: “Father, make me a builder of people, not just a doer of tasks. Help me pour into faithful others the way Elijah poured into Elisha, so the work You have given me can outlive me and exceed me. Free me from needing to be indispensable. Amen.”

The Scripture for This Session

Read these slowly, out loud if you can:

- **2 Kings 2:9 to 15** (Elijah passes the mantle to Elisha, which we study below).
- **2 Kings 2:9**, “And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.”
- **2 Timothy 2:2**, “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”

Reflect: If you stepped away from your work for a month, what would happen to it? Be honest about how much of it depends entirely on you.

The Big Picture

Every previous session in this course has been preparing you for this one. You set a God sized goal, compressed the timeline, raised your floor, simplified your system, and engineered a focused, repeatable path. But there is a ceiling on all of it, and the ceiling is you. As long as everything runs through your own two hands, the work can only grow as far as one person can reach. The final stage of scaling breaks that ceiling by building the work into other people, so it no longer depends on you alone.

This is the deepest shift of all, because it is not about doing more, it is about becoming less central so the work can become greater. It means changing the question from “how do I do more” to “who can carry this,” and then pouring yourself into that person. It is the difference between a work that ends when you tire and a work that multiplies through the people you raise. Elijah did this with Elisha, and Paul commanded Timothy to do it too. Read these four principles, and then write your Scaling Plan, the capstone of the whole Academy.

Principle 1: If It All Depends on You, You Are the Ceiling.

This is a hard truth to hear, especially for the founder who takes pride in carrying everything. But it is simply reality. A business or ministry that depends entirely on one person can never grow beyond what that one person can personally do, and worse, it collapses the moment that person steps away, tires out, or falls ill. Your own capacity, however impressive, is a wall the work will eventually hit.

Being indispensable feels good. It feels like importance and security. But it is actually a cap on everything you are trying to build. The goal of godly scaling is not to be the one person everything runs through, it is to build something strong enough to run and grow without you at the center of every task. That does not diminish you. It multiplies you. The leader who makes himself the bottleneck limits the good he can do, while the leader who builds into others removes the ceiling and lets the work climb far higher than one pair of hands ever could.

Reflect: Where are you the ceiling on your own work? What is the one part of it that would completely stop if you stepped away tomorrow?

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Principle 2: Ask Who, Not How.

When you face something that needs to grow or get done, the instinctive question is “how do I do this,” and that question keeps you at the center as the doer of every task. There is a better question that changes everything: “who can own this.” The shift from how to who is the shift from being a lone worker to being a builder of people, and it is the doorway to real multiplication.

Asking who does not mean dumping tasks on people and walking away. It means identifying the person who could genuinely own a piece of the work, and then developing them until they can carry it well. It is slower at

first, because teaching someone always takes longer than doing it yourself once. But it pays off in a way that doing it yourself never can, because now the work can happen through more hands than yours, at the same standard, even when you are not in the room. Every time you catch yourself asking how do I do more, pause and ask instead, who could carry this, and who could I raise to own it.

Reflect: Take one thing you keep doing yourself and ask the better question. Who could own this if you developed them? Name the person, even if they are not ready yet.

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Principle 3: Pour Into Successors on Purpose.

Building beyond yourself does not happen by accident. Elijah did not stumble into Elisha at the last minute, he poured into him over years, so that when the moment came, Elisha was ready to pick up the mantle. Multiplication is the fruit of deliberate, patient investment in people, given long before you need them to carry anything.

This is intentional work. It means choosing faithful people, spending real time with them, letting them watch how you work and then do it themselves, correcting them gently, trusting them with more as they grow. Paul told Timothy to take what he had learned and “commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also,” a chain of four generations in a single verse, Paul to Timothy to faithful people to others still. That is how the good multiplies, not through one heroic leader, but through a leader who keeps pouring into successors on purpose, so the work has hands to carry it long after the founder is gone.

Reflect: Who are the faithful people around you worth pouring into? Are you investing in them deliberately, or only reacting when you are desperate for help? What would intentional investment look like?

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Principle 4: The Goal Is a Double Portion.

Here is the most beautiful part, and it takes real humility to want it. The aim of building into others is not that they merely keep your work going at the same level. The aim is that they carry it further than you ever could. Elisha asked for a double portion of Elijah's spirit, and Scripture records that Elisha went on to perform even more miracles than his mentor did. Elijah's impact did not shrink when he departed, it doubled, because he had built into someone who would exceed him.

That is the true heart of scaling beyond yourself. It requires you to genuinely want the people you raise to surpass you, to be glad rather than threatened when they do more than you did. A small hearted leader wants to remain the greatest. A Kingdom builder rejoices to raise people who go further, because the goal was never his own glory, it was the good multiplied and God glorified. When you pour into others hoping they will exceed you, you are building the way Elijah built, and your work can outlive and outgrow you many times over.

Reflect: Do you truly want the people you raise to go further than you? Where do you feel resistance to that, and what would it take to genuinely rejoice in their double portion?

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The Story: The Double Portion (2 Kings 2:9 to 15)

Read the passage slowly. Elijah, the great prophet, is about to be taken up to heaven, and he turns to Elisha, the younger man he has been mentoring, and asks what he can do for him before he departs. Elisha does not ask for wealth or ease. He asks for the one thing that matters most to a successor: "I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me." Elijah tells him it is a hard thing, but that if Elisha sees him taken away, it will be granted.

Then it happens. A chariot of fire separates them, and Elijah goes up in a whirlwind. As he rises, his mantle, the sign of his prophetic authority, falls to the ground. Elisha picks it up, walks back to the Jordan, strikes the water with the mantle as Elijah had done, and the river parts. The same God who worked through the mentor now works through the successor. And Scripture goes on to record that Elisha performed even more miracles than Elijah did. Notice what this means. Elijah's impact did not end when Elijah left. It doubled, because he had spent years building into a man who would carry the mantle further than he had carried it himself. That is the picture of scaling beyond yourself. Not a leader clinging to being indispensable, but a leader who pours into a successor, hands over the mantle, and lets the work exceed him.

Reflect: What would it take for you to hand over a real mantle, with genuine authority, the way Elijah did? Who might that successor be, and what is the first step toward raising them?

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Put It Into Practice

1. Name your ceiling and your successor. Write down the one thing that would collapse if you stepped away, the place where you are the ceiling. Then name one person who could be raised over time to carry it, and the first step you will take to begin pouring into them.

The thing that would collapse without me:

The person I could raise to carry it, and my first step:

2. Capstone: Write your one page Scaling Plan. This is the culmination of the whole course. On a single page, bring together all six sessions:

- Your **10x goal**, the God sized goal from Session 1.
- Your **short timeline**, the compressed deadline from Session 2.
- The **wrong things you will quit**, the honest cuts from Session 3.
- Your **simplified focus**, the few essential things from Session 4.
- Your **repeatable path**, the engineered model from Session 5.
- The **people you will build into**, the successors from this session.

Write it now, in your own words. Keep it to one page so it stays clear and usable.

Go Deeper (Optional)

- **Read:** *Who Not How* by Dr. Benjamin Hardy and Dan Sullivan, on scaling by asking who can carry this rather than how do I do more.
- **Listen:** the *Faith Driven Entrepreneur* podcast, any episode on raising leaders and building something that outlasts you.
- **Study:** 2 Kings 2:9 to 15; 2 Timothy 2:2; Exodus 18:17 to 23 (Jethro teaches Moses to share the load with capable people).

Close in Prayer

"Father, thank You for walking me through this whole Academy, from seeing my work as worship to learning to scale the good You have given me. Now teach me the hardest and most beautiful lesson of all, to build beyond

myself. Free me from needing to be indispensable. Make me a builder of people who pours into faithful successors on purpose, and give me the humble, glad heart that longs for them to go further than I ever could. Let the work You have entrusted to me outlive me and exceed me, so that far more people are served, far more is given, and You alone are glorified. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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