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A DOUBLE PORTION

So, you would like God to bless you with a double portion, right? That would be wonderful to receive but let us look at an example of who received a double portion and how it came about.

In 1 Kings 19 we see the prophet Elijah running from the wicked Queen Jezebel. He thinks he is the only prophet left that is prophesying truth. God speaks to him in a still small voice while he was having a pity party and was hiding in a cave. God tells him there were seven thousand more prophets that had not bowed their knees to Ba'al. Then he tells him that he will be replaced by Elisha.

He finds Elisha tending to his oxen and casts his mantle on him. This is indicative of a transfer of anointing. Elisha was caught off guard when this happened and asked to take care of his mother and father before following the renown prophet Elijah. Elijah is quite miffed with him and more or less tells him to go do "his thing" and leaves him.

Most of us would have felt this as rejection from such a man as Elijah, but Elisha offered his oxen as a sacrifice and shared it with the people. This means he destroyed any means of living that he had previously had. Then he went after Elijah and ministered to him. The word minister means he became Elijah's servant. How long he was his servant is unclear, but it was for quite a while. During this time Elijah tried to shake loose of him, but Elisha would not have it. He followed closely to him because he knew Elijah was anointed by God. He learned from him everything there was to learn about being a prophet.

Then, when it was time for Elijah to be taken to heaven in a fiery chariot Elisha asked for a double portion of anointing from him. That seems a bit much, right? But Elijah told him if his mantle fell on him that he would receive. And that is just exactly what happened. Elisha received a double portion of Elijah's anointing and did twice as many miracles as Elijah.

We could look at Joshua also. He was Moses' servant and went everywhere with him and stayed close to him. It took 40 years of labor and constant physical attacks from others, but he was then chosen by God to take the children into the promised land.

So, do you want a double portion? Be prepared to give up everything to follow closely after those that have already paid the price for the anointing. Do not expect it to happen overnight. There is a time of training, or discipling just like there was for Elisha and Joshua. The price for the double portion? Everything. We must lay it all down to follow after those that have forged the path before us. Then we must patiently wait, and wait, and wait, until God sees our heart has become a servant's heart and pure. Double portions do not come to those with selfish ambition. Double portions come to those that have a servant's heart, but even then, it comes through fiery trials and tests to prove we will be ready to receive it when it is time.