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FORERUNNER OR FOLLOWER

If I were to define a forerunner, I would say it was someone that sets the pace. Someone that leads the way whether it is in the spiritual realm or in the natural realm. This person has been gifted by God to be a leader. It is not a natural gift when it comes to the spiritual realm. It comes from God.

Abraham was a forerunner. He heard God call and he accepted the call. He went to a place that he had never been because he forged the path for others to follow.

Moses was a leader. He was the forerunner of the law. He spent time with God and knew God's voice, and then gave God's people his message.

Joseph was a forerunner. Though despised initially by his brothers, and tested beyond what anyone could imagine, he set the way to save his family.

Then there are the followers. A follower is one that is called to serve the forerunner. They are mentored by the forerunner and stay as close to that person as possible. They are discipled by the forerunner. After being discipled by the forerunner, often they take their place. This was the case with Elisha. He was called by Elijah but was his servant and would not leave Elijah's side. He had faith to believe for a double portion. He was granted this mantle and Elisha went from follower to being a forerunner.

Joshua was a follower. He served Moses faithfully. He fought the battles as Moses' trusted warrior. He went up into the mount when Moses received the ten commandments. He was trained by Moses, and when Moses departed this world Joshua went from follower to being a forerunner. He led the children from the wilderness to the promised land.

Many have been told they have a call on their life. If that is the case, then you must spend time as a follower first. You must be discipled by someone that has already paid the price for the same call. This brings maturity into your life as a follower and prepares you for the day when you become a forerunner.

Don't get ahead of yourself. God rewards faithfulness. David was a shepherd then became a king. He went from being a follower to being a forerunner, but it didn't happen immediately. Often, we step into the wrong position, and it hurts us instead of helping us. Your time will come if you are faithful where you are at.