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# FINISHING POWER

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I am sure most of you are familiar with the story of Elijah and Elisha. Elisha was to be the successor of his father's successful business, but while working his father's fields one day the prophet Elijah, sent by God, showed up at Elisha's workplace and put his mantle upon him. Smitten by the anointing of Elijah, Elisha took all the oxen he had, sacrificed them and then took all his instruments which were his working tools and burnt them up, therefore concluding the past. Scripture tells us many are called but few are chosen. In this passage we see that not only was Elisha called, but he chose to conclude his past and run the race to fulfill the destiny he had been chosen for.

As we are coming into this new season in God, we must create an exit strategy from our previous season into this new season God has ordained for us. This is what I call creating a no return policy. By sacrificing the oxen and destroying his working tools, Elisha created a no return policy to his old world which in turn prepared him to enter into the new world God had prepared where a double portion anointing was waiting for him. Have you burnt up your past in preparation for the new?

We also see this principle in the children of Israel's exodus from Egypt. Jehovah opened up the Red Sea making a pathway toward their destiny and then He closed the Red Sea so they could not return to their old world. The Lord never intended for us to manage our sins, shortcomings, past failures and excuses. We are to confess them, release them and bury them in our Red Sea so we can go on in God to fulfill our destiny in Him. The Lord dealt with all Israel's enemies at the Red Sea. We also must allow God to finish dealing with our enemies so we can complete the call upon our lives.

God wants to mantle us with the anointing of Joshua and Caleb. The Lord said concerning these two men,

"they wholly followed the Lord." This phrase means to finish and fulfill. The Lord is presently offering a finishing anointing that will empower us to fulfill the assignments we are called to. Joshua and Caleb were the only two that came out of Egypt, went through the wilderness, and entered into the promise land. It was the finishing anointing upon their life that gave them the tenacity and vision to finish their destiny. Once again let me ask you, what things in your life need to be cut off? What things need to be concluded? Presently, in this hour, the Lord is releasing a breaker anointing that will release us from all that has hindered us, restricted us and kept us from finishing our assignment.

In 1 Samuel 16:1 we see Samuel was mourning over the death of Saul. *"And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons."* This prophetically speaks to us that we should quit mourning over all the things in our life that have reigned over us and limited us. Everything in your past, good, bad and ugly, may be a limitation and restraint from where the Lord intends to lead you. The Lord told Samuel fill your horn with oil and go to Jesse's house in Bethlehem for there you will anoint a new king. The Lord told Samuel to get his memory off the past and put his face into the future. The finishing anointing that is being released today will allow you to put your face like a flint into your future. Once we conclude past issues, we can rise up, take our anointing and anoint the new thing God is doing in the earth today.

Now, before you anoint the new thing you will have to receive a horn and to receive a horn there must be a sacrifice and a death. The Lord used your past to produce a death in you so He has something to pour fresh oil in. There will always be a Calvary

before Pentecost, suffering precedes glory, humility comes before exaltation and a death before a resurrection. A Jubilee trumpet is sounding, so rise up in this day move away from the past, your pain and your problems and take the oil God has created in you and go find the new thing God is doing so you can pour your oil on it.

This fresh anointing the Lord is pouring out is a result of all our past struggles, pain and perplexities.

It is a finishing anointing that comes to the called, chosen and faithful. Rise up today with what God has given you and pour your anointing on the new thing God is doing by stripping the old mantle of yesterday and prepare for fresh garments with fresh oil and fresh vision so you can be part of the finishing company that is emerging in the earth today.



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