

Extra Mile with the Master

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On the eve of a transition, a master was to take a journey with a defined and divine destination through Gilgal, Bethel, Jericho and Jordan. All these places are necessary "crosses" for the transition but this servant was desperately committed to his master, and chose to continue with his master despite the horrible uncertainties, risk,tasking circumstances and confrontations.

Elijah told Elisha "*tarry here*" but this man was resolved to go further. What exactly was Elisha looking for? Could it be that he wanted to know places? I think he knew the implication of Elijah's transition. He must have perceived the enormous challenges and responsibilities in places where it was necessary for the master to transit. He must have considered the cost of his abandoned business and he did not do it for a mean and routine anointing. He had burnt his yoke of oxen and bidden farewell to his family members because he was going to serve God under Elijah.

Since God commanded Elijah to anoint this man, he must have been special. Elisha in turn saw something unique in the life of his master Elijah that was probably lacking in his life. There were yet many responsibilities and challenges, but the master had been taken away. Elisha must have dreaded the looming departure of the master leaving him alone to sort things out. Elisha had little prophetic experiences and resolved that the extra mile with the master was ultimately necessary for him.

By the way, Elisha was not the first servant that was in prophetic apprenticeship with Elijah. A similar instruction to tarry was given to another servant in 1 Kings 19:3 when Elijah was depressed and had to run for his life. The same master, similar instructions to different servants, but with different attitudes. The first servant stayed and probably commenced a prophetic ministry operating in the sphere of limitation. Elisha on the other hand would not let go until he had received the double portion of the master upon himself. It is very important to learn to go along with the master patiently and with focus till one obtains the real master's spirit

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and anointing. Elisha continued, he would not tarry there and here. He would not listen to such counsel of the sons of the prophets in Bethel and Jericho and he went ahead still.

At the last place, the master would not ask Elisha "to tarry there and here", nor were the sons of the prophets around to counsel him any longer. They had gone quite far and Elisha had acquired a license to make a request on anything he wanted. And what he wanted was "the treasure of the kingdom". He said "*let a double portion of your spirit be upon me*" 1 Kings 2:9. This was a great thing he asked for, but the master attached a condition

"if you see me"

1 Kings 2:

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. This required further concentration and focus. The transition of the master was not announced or heralded by the trumpet. As they continued and talked, the heavenly chariot parted then took Elijah, but Elisha saw him! He cried out,

"my father, my father"

what a sensitive moment! It would have been a great disaster to have gone this far and not see him. This can be understood alongside the statement by Jesus

in Mathew 26,

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arry ye here and watch with me"

Unfortunately the disciples Jesus had selected to be him at Gethsemane did not understand what was about to happen and how to handle the matter. Thrice he came to them but they were sleeping.

Understanding the burden of the master matters! Certain moments are open for transferring Uncommon Anointing. Let us watch and wait with the Lord and not allow our eyes to grow dim and heavy with sleep. There are so many challenges and responsibilities before us and we should not give in to distractions. People who go the extra mile with the high resoluteness and full concentration as Elisha will automatically dictate the pace in their sphere. This is how God makes a choice of men or women who can stand in strategic places, handle sensitive assignments and be commissioned into most coveted heights. Please do not envy them if you cannot pay the price of going the extra mile with God. The extra mile with the master is usually a lone ranger journey; crowds cannot dare the rigour and commitment.

This is the moment to walk with the master, when he can commit himself to his servants. He will uncover everything and the secret of the divine mysteries will be given without restriction. Names will be changed, status elevated, authorities established, trust certified, hope redeemed, and confirmation concluded. Such anointed men and women are qualified to be entrusted with uncommon places in the kingdom.

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