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1 Kings 19:4

Sustaining Personal Revival

“But he (Elijah) went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a juniper tree. And he requested for himself that he might die, and he said, “it is enough! Now, O Lord, take away my life.” 1 King 19:4

It happens often after experiencing a wonderful victory that life can seem to come crashing down all around us. Elijah, “a man subject to like passions as we are”, has in this moment experienced one of the most powerful of all recorded revivals. God has literally answered from heaven with amazing signs and wonders, and yet the next moment Elijah finds himself mired in deep depression and discouragement.

It is difficult, for even the best of men, to maintain a high level of spiritual out flow and not grow weary. It is all too easy to lose focus and become discouraged.

Revival is always God initiated but men must yield to the Spirit’s promptings. However, because of the nature of men, as a move of God quickens, men can often extend themselves to such a degree that when the tide of God’s glory ebbs, even a little, those people involved in this move of God are completely drained both emotionally and spiritually. Such emotional and physical “burnout” may be a clear indicator that somewhere along the line they began to rely upon “the arm of the flesh” more than the strength of God.

“Not by might, nor by power, but by Me Spirit says the Lord.” (Zechariah 4:6) Are you weary? Have you grown tired in your service for Jesus? To sustain a personal revival we must always find our life and labor rooted deeply in Jesus “the Author and Finisher of our faith” alone! (Hebrews 12:2)

“Lord, bring renewal, refreshing, revival once again to my life. May I cease from my works and enter fully into Your life! Amen.”

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