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1 Kings 19:19

Sustaining Personal Revival

“So he *Elijah* departed from there and found Elisha.” 1 King 19:19

As we conclude these brief thoughts on sustaining personal revival possibly the key to all revival and blessing of God is found in this passage. Elijah was a man of immediate and complete obedience to the Spirit of God.

A good intention to obey without follow through is deception. “But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.” (James 1:22) Incomplete or partial obedience may arguably be considered disobedience. To sustain personal revival it is important to not only begin your course but to finish your course. Often when we initially hear from God – either by the scriptures or by His Spirit – it can produce such a rush of emotion that we may then miss His final thoughts! “Let Him finish His sentence!” If we haven’t heard the fullness of His desire how can we comply with it? And if we haven’t heard His word completely we are in danger of only doing half of what He desires!

At the other end of the spectrum, without a “patient obedience”, we run the risk of failing to finish our obedience because we lacked endurance. Within an “instant society” how often must believers fall short of the goal, not for lack of desire, but because they have never been taught the need to follow through!? You can’t win the race if you don’t finish the course!

The Christian life has often been called a “long obedience in the same direction.”¹ Make sure you not only start what the Spirit calls you to start, but make sure you finish your course!

¹Eugene H. Peterson