

FIRE FALL

Day 21: Keep Us Running

*And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah;
and he girded up his loins, and ran ... 1 Kings 18:46*

Elijah outran the chariots of Ahab. Then, when Jezebel sought to kill him, he ran ahead a day's journey. After all the running, Elijah was depressed to a dangerous point. God sent him food and caused him to rest and regain his strength in preparation for a forty day journey...Elijah was being revived so he might run again (See Chapter 19).

After those forty days, Elijah arrived at Mount Horeb. He had completed one mountain top experience only to be confronted with another. However this mountain was different. It was there that the Law was received, thus, Horeb represented the default for covenant (as is still the case for Israel today). This mount was also where the Levitical Priesthood was installed; as such it was the default for intercession. Yet before Horeb was either a place of covenant or intercession, it was the place of God's encounter with Moses in the burning bush, thus it was also the default for those anointed with prophetic leadership.

There is much to be said for Elijah's time at Horeb. God sent fire, wind and earthquake but did not communicate through any of these. It was in the still small voice that God confronted Elijah's depression and fears. But what we must understand is this: God did not bring Elijah out of the pits so he could stop running...He revived Elijah's inner man to give him new directions to run in. Not only did he instruct Elijah how to run, but he gave directions on how successive generations would continue to run beyond him.

When we default we fall back on the cross. Our covenant, intercession and prophetic understanding all flow from the completed work Christ did at Calvary. As we run, He runs through us. When our time of running comes to an end, He will continue running through those who follow us. For this reason, we do not want a revival that dies with us. We want an encounter that keeps us running until the day we leave this world, but also inspires a new generation to run when we are gone. Only then can this new generation operate in a double anointing.

And so we pray:

Father...Let Your Holy Spirit keep us running! When we are weary, give us rest. When we are low, lift us up. But never let us stop running! Until the day we are gathered to the cloud of witnesses, our job continues to be to run with and for You!

We run with the Gospel! We run with Your grace! We run with Your power! We run with Your presence! We run with patience the race before us! But we never take our eyes off You!

In Jesus' name, the Author and Finisher of our faith, we pray...AMEN