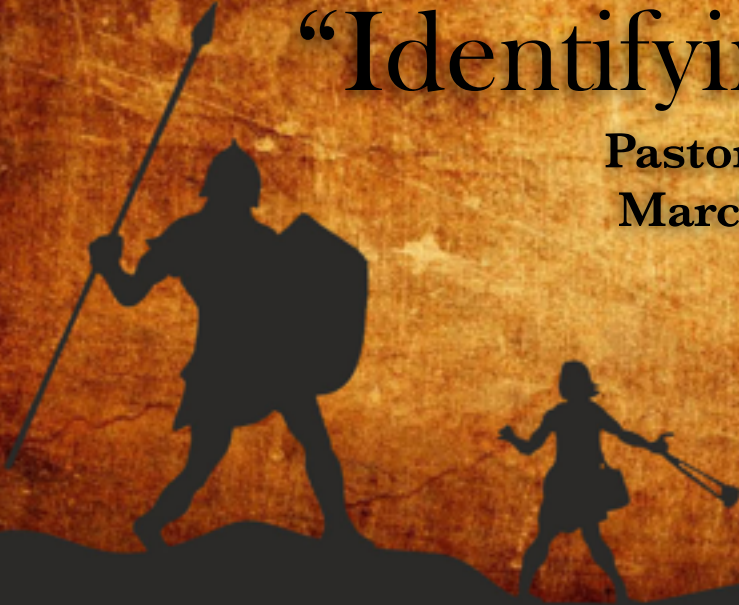


“Identifying The Giants”

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John 1:1 KJV

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:1 AMPC

1 In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself.

John 1:14 KJV

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

God gave us His Word, not just in the writing of a contract, covenant or Testament. But, He sent the Word, His son, in the flesh to show us how to live and to die for our sins.

He showed us how to face the giants in our lives and walk in the same anointing that He had. Jesus came to light up our paths, to show us the way in everything that we do and all the situations that we will face in life. Victorious seasons in our lives, just like we saw with Elijah. Not just natural but spiritually victorious times, but we will face difficult seasons as well.

Jesus came to show us how to navigate through life's situations and gave us the Holy Spirit to be our guide. The Holy Spirit comforts us, He reminds us of the things that we have read and heard regarding God's Word.

As disciples of Jesus Christ or imitators of the Son of God, we are commanded to do what He instructs in His Word. We show Him our love by our obedience to His commands.

Matthew 28:16-20 KJV

16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

*20 **Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:** and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

Remember, satan knows it's our job and he knows the command as disciples or followers/imitators of Christ that we are to go make disciples. Satan knows and so should we, that as the disciple, follower or imitator of Christ, we show and prove our love by keeping the commands.

John 14:15-17 KJV

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Jesus was the light, He commands us to observe and do all the things in His Word. We need the promised Holy Spirit to walk in that same anointing as The Anointed One.

Luke 4:18 AMPC

*18 The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon Me, because He has anointed Me **[the Anointed One, the Messiah]** to preach the good news (the Gospel) to the poor; He has sent Me to announce release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to send forth as delivered those who are oppressed [who are downtrodden, bruised, crushed, and broken down by calamity],*

John 20:21 AMPC

21 Then Jesus said to them again, Peace to you! [Just] as the Father has sent Me forth, so I am sending you.

1 John 2:27 KJV

27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

1 John 2:27 AMP

27 But as for you, the anointing (the sacred appointment, the unction) which you received from Him abides [permanently] in you; [so] then you have no need that anyone should instruct you. But just as His anointing teaches you concerning everything and is true and is no falsehood, so you must abide in (live in, never depart from) Him [being rooted in Him, knit to Him], just as [His anointing] has taught you [to do].

I'm talking about God's Word and Jesus is the Word who became flesh and is now inside of you and I. The anointing is alive and in every born again believer. It is the anointing of God, the anointing of life - to live life in abundance, more than abundantly. Being led by the Spirit of the living God and anointed in His grace to do things that the world can't even think about doing.

John 10:10 KJV

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

So, that anointing is in there to reveal these “things” to you. The Holy Spirit is under command to carry that out and that anointing is in there to make decisions and to inquire of the Lord and to use the Word of God as ***direction, protection*** and ***perfection*** along with ***correction***. Without the ***correction***, we are not going to get to ***perfection*** and you sure won't get the ***protection***... why? Because you can't get the ***direction***.

Ok PG, but I just need to get into a comfortable spot again, I've got to get my life in order and then I can start to get back into that anointing.... no, that's what took you away from it in the first place.

Wherever you are at right now, submit to Him and He will start to work with you right there, He will help you climb up and out of the mess you are in. God is gracious, so understand that by faith, God is not like a man that holds grudges - move on with it and let God move you.

Sometimes you and I are going to miss it... miss God's perfect plan and will for us. When we start to look back and think, oh no - I blew it again, I'll never get where God wants me to be... anyone every said or thought that? That's self condemnation and the Word says that there is...

Romans 8:1 AMPC

8 Therefore, [there is] now no condemnation (no adjudging guilty of wrong) for those who are in Christ Jesus, who live [and] walk not after the dictates (direction) of the flesh, but after the dictates (direction) of the Spirit.

I get down on myself and I condemn me...that's not God, that's me. God says, don't you think I can take where you are at right now and put you back into my perfect will?

1 John 1:9 KJV

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9 AMPC

9 If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just (true to His own nature and promises) and will forgive our sins [dismiss our lawlessness] and [continuously] cleanse us from all unrighteousness [everything not in conformity to His will in purpose, thought, and action].

All I have to do by faith is say “Your will be done”...repent and turn from your sin. Is it really that easy? Yes - Jesus did the hard part...

Matthew 11:28-30 AMP

28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.]

29 Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls.

*30 **For My yoke is** wholesome (useful, good—not harsh, hard, sharp, or pressing, but comfortable, **gracious**, and pleasant), and **My burden is light and easy** to be borne.*

I'm not going to work my way back into the will of God, I'm going to walk in it. I'm going to walk right back into the will of God by being obedient to His Word, by being faithful. The moment you speak, "Your Will Be Done", and mean it, you are back in the Will of God because you have removed your will, your disappointments, and repented from your sins.

God is going to take care of all the logistics. He will take care of all the navigation to get you back on track with His perfect will so you and I need to stop worrying about it. YOUR WILL BE DONE !

Or, "Your plan be done"- on earth as it is in heaven. God always has a plan and it is to prosper you according to His plan - not prospering you in your plan.

In order to activate that anointing in His plan for you start by speaking His Words and doing His Word. Start giving God the glory and praise right where you are at and it will start to release His grace upon you. Grace will begin to manifest itself at all different levels - unmerited favor.

When you go after God's plan for your life - which is to share the Gospel, to make disciples...grace will manifest itself all over your life. If you are called into one of the five-fold ministries, God will start to pour out His grace in order for you to fulfill it. Or, if He has called you into the business world, as a teacher, in the car business, a builder, wherever He has placed you, He will begin to pour out His grace as you walk in your anointing to bring the Good News/seed of the gospel in *Word and Deed*.

God will put you in position to bless others and use that anointing to develop His plan and give you grace to accomplish His plan which says “nothing will be too hard for you.”

Jeremiah 32:17 KJV

*17 Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and **there is nothing too hard for thee:***

**“Thing” defined: Word, Promises, Commands etc in God’s Word
Jeremiah 32:17 KJV...there is nothing too hard for thee:**

Note: nothing or no - thing meaning: not one Word, not one command, not one promise from God or God’s Word is impossible for you while fulfilling His Plan for your life.

Matthew 19:26 KJV

*26 But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but **with God all things are possible.***

Even if it is a “hard thing”, there is an anointing that will rise up inside of you and you & God will face it together. It makes you look good, but it’s God in you, His Power and His anointing on you. It was the grace of God on you to make you prosper, to endure **because with God nothing is ever impossible.**

Luke 1:37 AMPC

37 For with God nothing is ever impossible and no word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment.

Let's go over and see what the Apostle Paul has to tell us in Philippians 1...

Philippians 1:1 AMPC

I Paul and Timothy, bond servants of Christ Jesus (the Messiah, The Anointed One),

The anointing on THE Anointed One is “THE Anointing” and we are the body of the same anointing...

to all the saints (God's consecrated people) in Christ Jesus (The Anointed One)

If we are in the Anointed Jesus then we are the body of that anointing. That anointing comes down from His head and onto or into His body and we are that body. It's not a different anointing, it's not a lesser anointing.

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This is what Jesus said in Chapter 14 of John's Gospel. Remember, we are identifying giants, how they deceive, scheme and how to conquer them because they know what we are commanded and anointed to do, go make disciples.

John 14:10-12 AMPC

*10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me? What I am telling you I do not say on My own authority and of My own accord; but **the Father Who lives continually in Me does the (His) works (His own miracles, deeds of power).***

11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me; or else believe Me for the sake of the [very] works themselves. [If you cannot trust Me, at least let these works that I do in My Father's name convince you.]

12 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

Whoever has My anointing, can do what I do!

For most of us we think God is out there somewhere when He's right here, He's with me all the time. His presence, His Word, every-thing!

Back to what Paul was telling the church in verse 2 of Philippians 1...

Philippians 1:2 AMPC

2 Grace (favor and blessing) to you

Don't just skip over this...it was in the book of Acts the 4th chapter that the power of God shook the building they were in and His Word said that great grace was upon them.

Acts 4:31-33 KJV

31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

*33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: **and great grace was upon them all.***

It wasn't just the preacher, not just the evangelist, but all ...and not just a little grace but great grace - great grace!

So, here's Paul saying "grace be unto you all" in verse 2. This isn't a normal salutation but a proclamation about who we are in Christ.

Philippians 1:2 AMPC

2 Grace (favor and blessing) to you and [heart] peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).

God is speaking favor, blessing and peace unto you. Oh no Pastor Grant, that's for Paul. No, that's God speaking through the anointing on Paul. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. His anointing, His empowerment, His grace, His mercy, His love, His expectations, His commands, His judgement, His blessing, is the same for everyone.

Philippians 1:3-6 AMPC

3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.

4 In every prayer of mine I always make my entreaty and petition for you all with joy (delight).

5 [I thank my God] for your fellowship....

That Word fellowship right there is translated partnership. If you were in business with someone or partners you have a fellowship with them. It means people coming together to accomplish something that could not be done alone.

5 [I thank my God] for your fellowship (your sympathetic cooperation and contributions and partnership) in advancing the good news (the Gospel) from the first day [you heard it] until now.

*6 And I am convinced and sure of this very thing, that He Who began a good work in you **will continue** until the day of Jesus Christ [right up to the time of His return], developing [that good work] and perfecting and bringing it to full completion in you.*

Lets jump real quick to Philippians 2:13...

Philippians 2:13 AMPC

*13 [Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], **both to will and to work** for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight.*

So, that is the work that God is doing in you. **Not just empowering to do but empowering you to be willing to do.**

There are times when something comes up in front of you that you just don't want to do but you say I'll do it anyways and you grumble and complain the whole time. Well, you are not getting any credit for it, you did it without a willing heart.

We need to say, I'm willing to be willing...I'm passionate about Your will!

We need to understand that His anointing is in me and I need to be willing to do His work and I need to go do His work. This willingness has to do with your passion for God and His Kingdom.

Lining up my will with His will or my willingness with His will or plan. "God, I am passionate about doing your plan, God I am willing to do your plan".

When you stop dreading what God wants you to do, what He has anointed you to do, you start to change from the inside out. You walk and talk differently, you are attentive to Kingdom stuff - not what you think Kingdom stuff is but what God thinks and His will is according to His Word.

This isn't going to cost you but prosper you...

Now, lets read this again...

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Philippians 2:13 KJV

*13 For it is God which worketh in you (or me) **both to will and to do of his good pleasure.***

Now lets go to the 4th chapter of Philippians verse 13...

Philippians 4:13 KJV

13 I can do all things through Christ (the anointing) which strengtheneth me.

Notice it doesn't say who, it says which strengthens me....this is speaking of His anointing. So, let's read this letter from Paul to the church...

Philippians 2:13 KJV

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Therefore....

Philippians 4:13 KJV

13 I can do all things through Christ (his anointing) which strengtheneth me.

So, you and I can do anything **that God wants us to do** (His Plan, His Will to be done). You and I have an anointing to go perform “The Anointing”. Your will lining up with His will is the Anointing. Your plan no more - His plan is what you are doing, what you meditate on, is what you perform. When you walk in the anointing - all things are possible. There will be frustrations and obstacles but nothing will be impossible.

Luke 4:18 AMP

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So that anointing is in there to reveal these things to you. He, the Holy Spirit, is under command to carry that out and that anointing is in there to make decisions and to inquire of the Lord and to use the Word of God as **direction, protection and perfection along with correction.**

Let's see what this looks like in the life of Moses...Moses had a few "giant" things in the way of God's Plan.

Exodus 2:11 AMPC

11 One day, after Moses was grown, it happened that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens; and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of [Moses'] brethren.

12 He looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

13 He went out the second day and saw two Hebrew men quarreling and fighting; and he said to the unjust aggressor, Why are you striking your comrade?

14 And the man said, Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian? Then Moses was afraid and thought, Surely this thing is known.

Moses did something wrong, he also saw many things that were wrong, things that kept people in bondage so he went away...

15 When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh's presence and [b]took refuge in the land of Midian, where he sat down by a well.

16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came and drew water and filled the troughs to water their father's flock.

17 The shepherds came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them and watered their flock.

18 And when they came to Jethro their father, he said, How is it that you have come so soon today?

19 They said, An Egyptian delivered us from the shepherds; also he drew water for us and watered the flock.

20 He said to his daughters, Where is he? Why have you left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread.

21 **And Moses was content** to dwell with the man; and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter.

Other translations said he settled there. It was acceptable to him or willing to stop or willingly acceptable.

22 And she bore a son, and he called his name Gershom [*expulsion, or a stranger there*]; **for he (Moses) said, I have been a stranger and a sojourner in a foreign land.**

This wasn't a complaint, but thankfulness to God for providing so well for him in it; and partly on his son's account, that when he came to years of maturity and knowledge, he might learn, by Moses' instruction to him, that he was not to look upon Midian as his proper country, but that he was to be heir of the land of Canaan, and which he might be reminded of by his name: for he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land; Moses, born in Egypt, being a Hebrew, was entitled to the land of Canaan.

23 However, after a long time [nearly forty years] the king of Egypt died;

and the Israelites were sighing and groaning because of the bondage. They kept crying, and their cry because of slavery ascended to God.

24 And God heard their sighing and groaning and [earnestly] remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

God is faithful to His Word, He is not a man that He should lie, God is a covenant God, He remembers and stays true to His promises to you and I.

25 God saw the Israelites and took knowledge of them and concerned Himself about them [knowing all, understanding, remembering all].

Exodus 3:1-3 AMPC

1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the back or west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb or Sinai, the mountain of God.

2 The Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire, yet was not consumed.

3 And Moses said, **I will** now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.

Remember what Paul told the church...

Philippians 2:13 AMPC

*13 [Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], **both to will** and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight.*

Exodus 3:4-11 AMPC

4 And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the midst of the bush and said, Moses, Moses! And he said, Here am I.

5 God said, Do not come near; put your shoes off your feet, for the place on which you stand is holy ground.

6 Also He said, I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

7 And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters and oppressors; for I know their sorrows and sufferings and trials.

8 And I have come down to deliver them out of the hand and power of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a land good and large, a land flowing with milk and honey [a land of plenty]—to the place of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite.

9 Now behold, the cry of the Israelites has come to Me, and I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them.

10 Come now therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh, that you may bring forth My people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.

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11 And Moses said to God, Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?

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Romans 8:1 AMPC

8 Therefore, [there is] now no condemnation (no adjudging guilty of wrong) for those who are in Christ Jesus, who live [and] walk not after the dictates (direction) of the flesh, but after the dictates (direction) of the Spirit.

Exodus 3:12 AMPC

12 God said, I will surely be with you; and this shall be the sign to you that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain [Horeb, or Sinai].

13 And Moses said to God, Behold, when I come to the Israelites and say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you, and they say to me, What is His name? What shall I say to them?

14 And God said to Moses, I Am Who I Am and What I Am, and I Will Be What I Will Be; and He said, You shall say this to the Israelites: I Am has sent me to you!

15 God said also to Moses, This shall you say to the Israelites: The Lord, the God of your fathers, of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has sent me to you! This is My name forever, and by this name I am to be remembered to all generations.

16 Go, gather the elders of Israel together [the mature teachers and tribal leaders], and say to them, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, I have surely visited you and seen that which is done to you in Egypt;

17 And I have declared that I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, to a land flowing with milk and honey.

18 And [the elders] shall believe and obey your voice; and you shall go, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt and you shall say to him, The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; and now let us go, we beseech you, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.

19 And I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go [unless forced to do so], no, not by a mighty hand.

20 So I will stretch out My hand and smite Egypt with all My wonders which I will do in it; and after that he will let you go.

John 14:10-12 AMPC

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21 And I will give this people favor and respect in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be that when you go, you shall not go empty-handed.

This wasn't the whole story...Moses had several reasons why he shouldn't go as God commanded and set the people free. That list was based on his plan or his will and his willingness to settle. Life was good or manageable and he wanted to get out of what God was calling him to do.

See, you have a will, a plan or direction from your flesh that you are no longer supposed to follow. But, you have anointed your plan, meaning everything you do lines up with that. In the Word that will or anointing is also called a mantle.

In Bible days, a mantle was an outer cloak used for additional covering and warmth, especially at night. The mantle was essentially the only "blanket" the person had so even when used as a pledge the law required it be returned before bedtime.

From the idea of something that "covers" in the natural, a mantle easily comes to represent spiritual covering also. Mantles usually refer to spiritual authority and anointing. A great example of a spiritual mantle which passed from one person to another is Elijah and Elisha.

Elijah was a prophet in Israel and Elisha was his student or disciple. Elisha ministered to Elijah and studied under him, desiring to operate the way he did.

Before Elijah was translated into heaven, he said;

2 Kings 2:9 AMPC

9 And when they had gone over, Elijah said to Elisha, Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken from you. And Elisha said, I pray you, let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.

It was Elijah's mantle which proved whether or not Elisha received his request...Elijah told him;

2 Kings 2:10-12 AMPC

10 He said, You have asked a hard thing. However, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you—but if not, it shall not be so.

11 As they still went on and talked, behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire parted the two of them, and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

12 And Elisha saw it and he cried, My father, my father! The chariot of Israel and its horsemen! And he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Elisha did see Elijah leave in a chariot of fire. He then tore his own garment in two pieces and "took up the mantle of Elijah that fell from him."

2 Kings 2:13-14 AMPC

13 He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan.

14 And he took the mantle that fell from Elijah and struck the waters and said, Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah? And when he had struck the waters, they parted this way and that, and Elisha went over.

Elijah “the remnant” trained, disciplined Elisha, and he continued in God’s calling. He took up the work of his spiritual father and operated in his anointing.

Remember that Elisha asked for a double portion? The Bible records twice as many miracles for Elisha as are recorded under Elijah's ministry.

So, do spiritual mantles have a modern application? Can a spiritual mantle be passed today from one person to the next or one generation to the next?

John 14:12 AMPC

12 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

The Word says that after God dismantled Moses....after He got rid of his plan, his desire, and got him to throw down that mantle, then and only then could he do greater things than he could ever imagine.