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REWired

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In 2 Kings 13:20,21 we read:

"Elisha died and was buried... Once while some Israelites were burying a man, suddenly they saw a band of raiders; so they threw the man's body into Elisha's tomb. When the body touched Elisha's bones, the man came to life and stood up on his feet."

Elisha was dead. His bones lay in the tomb. People dropped a dead body on Elisha's bones and the dead man was resurrected! What was the cause? The anointing!

The anointing is the power and presence of God to break the yoke of darkness and manifest the works and glory of God. In Luke 4:18 Jesus says, *"The Spirit of the Lord is on me because He has anointed me..."* The anointing is not a thing, but a Person. His name? The Holy Spirit.

Isaiah 10:27 says: *"The yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing"* (AV). The Lord wants to loose over us an awesome anointing in this hour. He wants to make us ready to receive more power and minister in it. Just as electrical current must have adequate wiring, transformers and circuitry to supply power to a home or office building, we must be equipped so that the anointing can flow through us.

Much of the teaching and experience of the church is not adequate "circuitry" for the kind of power God wants to release through us. We need to be "rewired."

How do we get rewired? Priority one is a hunger and thirst for more of God's presence in your life.

The place to begin is personal communion with the Holy Spirit. We need to spend more time in personal worship and thanksgiving, and in prayer—praying in the Spirit and praying the Word.

How did Elisha come to a place of such anointing that even his bones were still

charged with resurrection power? In 2 Kings 2:2, Elijah said to Elisha, *"Stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel."* Using today's language, Elisha would have replied, "Absolutely not! I'm going with you." Three times Elijah told Elisha that God was moving him on to another place. Why? Because he was testing his successor. How hungry was Elisha? How thirsty was he for the anointing?

As you follow the Lord you will find stages when you have the opportunity to get offended or become satisfied. Then you will be tempted to stop. Some Christians



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Luke 4:18

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have put down roots at “Bethel” or have decided to stay at “Jericho.” God wants us to go on with Him. We must be devoted to staying right in the center of what He is doing.

As we continue to follow Him, He takes us from grace to grace, from faith to faith, from glory to glory. Just as a child learns to walk by taking



small, tottering steps at first and eventually grows to run marathons, so it is when we move in the anointing. Don't despise the day of small beginnings. Listen to the Holy Spirit and obey

today. Learn to distinguish His voice. Take the small steps and He will give you more. One day He will give you more. One day He will tell you to move in awesome things.

Several years ago I was ministering at a campaign in the bush in Zambia. Very late one night a messenger came asking me to go to a young Christian woman who had been cast out by her family because she had given birth to twin sons (twins were considered to be a curse in that culture). The woman loved her boys who were now five-years-old, and was struggling to provide for them. As I came to her hut, I found that one of them had been stricken with cerebral malaria. To my distress, when the mother handed her son into my arms, I found his body was already cold. The boy had already died. But I took him in my arms and sat on the floor of the hut praying and asking God to raise him up. I held the boy and prayed for a long time, but nothing happened.

As I returned the boy to his mother's arms, her eyes filled with tears. She turned her face toward heaven and said softly in Lunda, “He won't come to me any more, but one day I will go to him. So welcome him gently with both arms, Lord Jesus.”

I stepped out of the hut into the African night. My heart ached for this gentle mother in her loss. I was grieved because I had faith in the Lord, yet somehow He had not chosen to resurrect the child. As I stood there, a wind surrounded me and I heard the voice of the Lord say, “As you have been faithful, you will see great things.”

The very next year, I held an outreach in Kinshasa, Zaire. The city square was filled with some 50,000 people who were hungry to receive the word of God. I was just finishing my message when I heard the voice of the Spirit say, “There's a man here whose son died this morning. Call him up. I'm going to do a great thing.”

I said, “Where is the man whose son died this morning? Come on up. God's going to do a wonderful thing.” When you give that kind of word before 50,000 people, you feel that something had better happen! A man came up, his six-year-old son had died of cerebral malaria at 4:00 o'clock that morning. I laid hands on the father and said, “Spirit of God, raise the boy up.” At the same time, back at Mama Yemo Hospital, the dead boy suddenly sneezed twice and woke up, as if from sleep! This boy, like the twin in Zambia had also died of cerebral malaria. He too had been dead several hours before I prayed for him. But today, he is alive and well.

Elijah asked Elisha, “What can I do for you before I am taken away from you?” Elisha answered, “Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit.” To this, Elijah replied, “If you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours.”

God is bringing His body into a shift. He is awakening His church to recognize His presence and release His glory on the earth. He is rewiring His believers who will seek Him and His word even when circumstances seem to contradict our promise.

Do you want to move in the anointing? Then get rewired! Press into Him afresh today and say, “Lord we are hungry for more of you. We want to see you move in power today, to bring revival to your Church and to this nation, to glorify your name.”

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Bonnie Chavda will be our main speaker at the April 1-2, 2011, Arise! Women's Conference, “Tending to the Voice.” Early bird deadline: March 19. See ad for more details.

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The Favor of the LORD

February 4-5, 2011

"You have favor, not because of your behavior, but because of your placement in Christ."

"God has abundance; the devil has a-budget."

"Grace is the empowering presence of God to enable you to become what He sees you already to be."

"Every problem has a provision attached to it, but we're so busy looking at the crisis that we don't look for the provision."

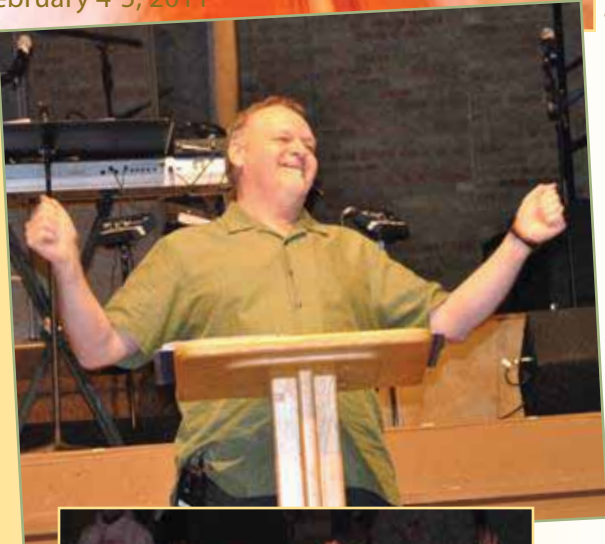
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"Holiness is not about dealing with sin; it's about loving righteousness."

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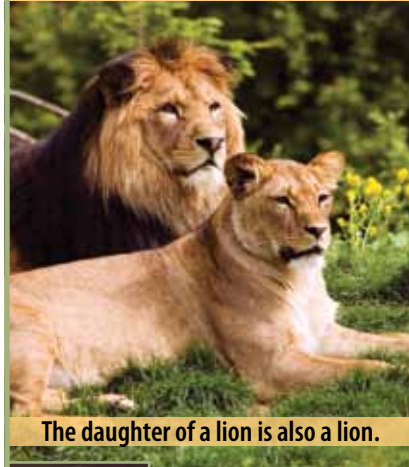
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