Double Portion

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2 Kings 2:9 (ESV)

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me."

2 Kings 2:13 (ESV)

And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.

2 Kings 2:14 (ESV)

Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?"

Over 45 years I have known powerful men and women of God who have had a significant life changing impact on my life. I deeply desired a double portion of their spirit and spent every opportunity available to be with them and learn from them. These were not supermen and they had feet of clay, but they were fully committed to God, and God revealed HIMSELF mightily through them. We all should seek out and learn from other godly people. To highlight the importance of learning from other godly men and women, I want to share about those people who I personally knew and spent hours learning from them. Their fingerprints are all over who I am and what I teach.

God – Personal relationship! Personally, meet God and experienced God! God is real and nothing will ever convince me otherwise. Pastor Minter – Inerrancy of Scripture! Disillusioned after encountering 4 pastors and one seminary professor who did not believe in the inspiration of Scripture, I met Pastor Minter who proclaimed the absolute inerrancy of Scripture.

Pastor and Mrs. Milliken – Walking in God's presence! They were totally undistracted by the world around them. They Walked in God's presence with the world around them submissive to them.

Bill Wright – Hear God speak every single day! To carry out God's assignment, you need to hear from God every day. Therefore, read the Scriptures each morning until God speaks to you.

Major Ian Thomas – Let God be God in the man! When digging a ditch, don't ask God how to dig the ditch. Vacate the ditch and let God dig. We vacate and God occupies. The Christian life is one vacation after another.

Larry and LaVerne Kreider – Cell Groups – The Holy Spirit is in the meeting! The Holy Spirit indwells each believer and speaks through each member of the group. Larry Stockstill – Holy Spirit Power and dynamic worship revealed in a church service! Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal HIMSELF in the church service. Come Holy Spirit Come is a legitimate request.

Leon Price – Biblical Prophet in action – Stunning! Spoke direct, immediate, accurate Words directly from the Holy Spirit to people who he didn't know concerning their specific lives and circumstances.

Nicky Gumbel – Alpha – The best teaching on the Holy Spirit! Have met him, been to 10 or more conferences, and taught close to 100 Alpha classes, but I do not personally know him. The reason Nicky is included is because through him I have received the most practical understanding of the Holy Spirit and experiencing spiritual gifts.

Be like Elisha and learn from the Elijah's around you. Elisha didn't try to become an Elijah, but he learned from Elijah to be a better equipped Elisha. However, before anyone can learn the things of God they need to meet with God.

John 14:6 (ESV) Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."