MOVING FORWARD PARTNERSHIP

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PICK UP FROM WHERE YOU LEFT / PICK UP WHAT YOU LOST

Motionless Motion Movement Momentum

Work + (focus) + Purpose (Destiny) + Purity (motives) = Momentum

2 Kings 6:1-7.

"The company of the prophets said to Elisha, "Look, the place where we meet with you is too small for us. Let us go to the Jordan, where each of us can get a pole; and let us build a place there for us to meet." And he said, "Go." Then one of them said, "Won't you please come with your servants?" "I will," Elisha replied. And he went with them. They went to the Jordan and began to cut down trees. As one of them was cutting down a tree, the iron axhead fell into the water. "Oh no, my Lord!" he cried out. "It was borrowed!" The man of God asked, "Where did it fall?" When he showed him the place, Elisha cut a stick and threw it there, and made the iron float. "Lift it out," he said. Then the man reached out his hand and took it."

1. A Place of Growth (v.1-2)

Growth if stewarded can lead to momentum / acceleration.

The ax head fell.....

2. The Problem of Loss/ momentum (v.5)

The ax head fell into the watersymbolic of losing spiritual sharpness/ focus or power. Without the axe head impotent!

Sometimes we too can lose our "cutting edge" (zeal, prayer life, effectiveness).

Causes of Loss of momentum! Identify the thief!

Activities = Momentum fades when activities replace intimacy with God.

"Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first." Revelation 2:4-5 NIV

Good is the thief of great

The Answer - for moving and momentum

3. The Presence of God (v.6)

Elisha asked, "Where did it fall?"

God calls us to identify where we lost our edge. Spiritual recovery begins when we admit where we fell short.

4. The Power of God that can Restore (v.6-7)

Elisha cut a stick and threw it in the river which is a beautiful picture of the wooden cross.

Nothing -Lost, broken and stolen.... God of restitution!

The iron floated God does the impossible, restoring what seemed lost and gone forever.