

A Lesson on Focus  
Numbers 11:24-30

*The elements of revision and RESET are evident throughout the Old and New Testament. The following illustration in our passage this evening shares with us that in the season of Divine RESET, where GOD is bringing about change and “new-ness”, focus is an essential element to possess in order to execute assignments and advance the Divine agenda.*

Introduction (Verses 24-25)

- As we pull aboard the biblical story (already in progress), Moses the liberator of the Hebrew Nation has concluded a conversation with LORD GOD Almighty. GOD has assured Moses that the limited scope and supply of the people has no bearings on the Source of Divine power or provision.
- Seventy Elders are selected from among the judges who assist Moses with presiding over the people.
  - Both the selection of judges and elders comes about per the wise counsel and discernment of his father in law, Jethro -high priest of Midian (Exodus 18)
- A portion of the Spirit (of the LORD), that was upon Moses was given to the elders who aided the work of RESET in route to the promised land.
  - The majority were given the ability to prophesy and when the Spirit was lifted from them, they ceased.
    - **REMINDER: Do what GOD tells you do but when GOD is finished, you should be too!**

Harmless Trouble (Verses 26-28)

- Two of those numbered among the elders by the names of Eldad and Medad had not yet gone from out of the tent (Tent of Meeting).
- The Spirit continued to rest upon them and, they continued to prophesy.
  - This troubles not only their colleagues but they're family!
  - A “young man” ran to Moses as the initial snitch.
    - Joshua, his successor, pleaded with him (Moses), to make them stop)
- When we are not FOCUSED or out of FOCUS, at least two things will occur:

- We become INVOLVED in negativity (thoughts, words & deeds)
- We see the POSITIVE in NEGATIVE ways (distortion, dysfunction)
- Do not become so familiar with STATUS that you forget GOD is SOVEREIGN
  - To be FOCUSED through a life centered in GOD through Jesus Christ, includes the following attributes:
    - Humility
    - Flexibility
    - Cordiality

#### A Mature Response (Verses 29-30)

- Moses immediately called out the spirit at work against the Spirit
  - Jealousy
    - It may be green but it favors white
- Moses went further to say how he wished all the LORD's people were prophets
  - Honest, Brave, Passionate, etc.
- And, that the LORD would put (His) Spirit in them!
  - *How would our Reentry on the other side of RESET look, if the dominant spirit was the Holy Spirit?*
- He immediately moves with the elders and return to the camp.
  - FOCUS dictates that the “main thing” remain as such so that our MISSION is not compromised.