

ELIJAH



Still Small Voice

THE LIFE OF A
Prophet



1 Kings 19 ESV

8 And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God. 9 There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 10 He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." 11 And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord."

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And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. 12 And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. 13 And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

The Point

God speaks to us in a still small voice - pursuing us, restoring us, and calling us back to Him.

Overview

- Life can feel overwhelming - fear, failure, loneliness, or doubt may drive us into hiding like Elijah in the cave.
- But God does not abandon His children.
- He seeks us out, restores us & speaks to us gently.

**GOD'S RELENTLESS
PURSUIT**

God's Relentless Pursuit

- Elijah ran in fear after Jezebel's threat, even after experiencing God's power at Mount Carmel.
- Instead of giving up on Elijah, God sent an angel to provide food and strength for the journey.
- Even in Elijah's doubt & despair, "the Word of the Lord came to him".
- God asked Elijah, "What are you doing here?" not in anger, but in compassion - inviting him to open his heart.

God's Relentless Pursuit

- God's pursuit shows us He does not abandon His children, even after our worst failures.
- Like Peter after denying Jesus, He came to restore, not reject.



God wants to restore

God Wants to Restore Us

- God's question, "What are you doing here, Elijah?", was tender, like a Father asking His child, "What's on your heart?".
- Elijah poured out his fears & loneliness - God invited honesty & transparency.
- Instead of condemnation, God listened & responded with patience.

God Wants to Restore Us

- God restored Elijah's calling by reminding him he was not alone & still had purpose.
- Restoration always comes through kindness, not shame.
- In moments of regret or weakness, God meets us with kindness, not condemnation.

4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

(Romans 2:4 ESV)

The Still, Small Voice



The Still Small Voice of God

- Elijah expected God to reveal Himself in dramatic power - wind, earthquake & fire shook the mountain.
- But God was not in those powerful displays - He chose to reveal Himself in a gentle whisper.
- This whisper showed that God ministers to broken people with tenderness, not terror.

The Still Small Voice of God

- God's still small voice drew Elijah out of hiding & back into His presence.
- God still speaks through His Spirit, His Word & His peace in quiet moments of prayer.

Practical Application

- Pray daily and ask God to meet you where you are, even in moments of weakness.
- Read a short passage of Scripture each day & listen for God's gentle whisper through His Word.
- Share honestly with God in prayer about your fears, doubts, or regrets and release them to the Lord.
- Encourage another resident with a kind word or visit to remind them they are not alone.

Practical Application

- Take a quiet walk or sit in stillness each day, asking God to speak through peace & silence.
- Chose a comforting verse (such as Psalm 46:10: “Be still, and know that I am God”) & repeat it during anxious moments.
- Ask God to show you one way each week to serve or bless someone else, even through a simple act of kindness.

Discussion Questions

- How does Elijah's fear & hiding remind us of times in our own lives when we felt overwhelmed?
- What does God's kindness in this passage teach us about His character?
- God ever spoken to you quietly rather than dramatically?
- How does this story encourage you when you feel like a failure?
- What steps can we take this week to listen more carefully to God's still small voice?

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