



# ELIJAH

JUST LIKE US

## See God...Experience God...Hear From God

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Last week we looked at 1 Kings 19 where Elijah was struggling with incredible loneliness and depression. To lead him out of depression, God first let Elijah rest and eat. Then God confronted him with the need to return to his mission. Often, when we feel let down or have been in a dark cave, we are looking for God's direction, but we simply can't hear Him. This week as Tyler wraps up this series, he reminds us that God speaks in many ways; our job is to be active listeners.

1. **READ 1 Kings 19:7-9.** Where did Elijah go? Why did he need to eat and drink so much? *Side Note: Elijah was returning to the sacred place where God gave Moses the laws for the people. In what event, centuries later, did Moses and Elijah meet together? **READ Luke 9:28-36.***

2. **READ 1 Kings 19:9-10.** When God asks Elijah "What are you doing here?" What answer does he give? Why do you think he answers God in this way? Have you ever felt like you needed to explain to God the severity of a situation? Discuss.

3. **READ 1 Kings 19:11-13.** What does God tell Elijah to do and what happened? How does God speak to him? God doesn't only reveal himself in powerful miraculous ways, sometimes He is in the gentle whisper. Discuss a time when you struggled to hear God's voice.

4. **READ 1 Kings 19:13b-14.** When God asks Elijah "What are you doing here?" What answer does he give? Why do you think he answers God in this way AGAIN? Elijah is just like us in many ways. Do you think God gets angry when we tell Him our fears and worries again and again, or do you think He is compassionate with us? Why?

5. **READ 1 Kings 19:15-18.** God re-directed Elijah back to Damascus with very specific instructions. What specific instructions do you see in these passages?

6. **READ 1 Kings 19:19-21.** God knows how important it is for us to have a close relationship with other believers. What characteristics of Elisha do you see in these passages?

### **Three Ways God Speaks to Us**

- Quiet Revelation - God often speaks to us in a whisper. It is important to make time to step back from the noise of life and humbly and quietly seek His guidance.
- Clear Direction - Often God is directing or re-directing us, yet we are hesitant to follow.
- Close Relationships - Make a plan to spend time with the people in your life who help you hear God's voice.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. How have you experienced God speaking to you?
2. Where is your "quiet place" where you can hear the quiet revelation of God? What's your rhythm of going there?
3. How does God speak through close relationships? Share a personal experience with this.

**COMMIT TO MEMORY**—*"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord.*" Jeremiah 29:13-14

### **Additional scriptures:**

Psalm 32:8

James 1:5-8

Proverbs 27:9