

I. Alone? 1 Kings 19:9-10

1. He traveled ... (**verse 9**)
 - to Beersheba (19:3 - 90 miles)
 - to Mt. Horeb - 250 miles
 2. In a cave
 - he awaited to hear from God
 - the Word came to him - what are you doing here?
 - God had protected him - so why did he need to run?
 3. The response of Elijah (**verse 10**)
 - A. I've been zealous - with zeal
 - B. The Israelites have rejected your covenant
 - torn down your altars
 - killed your prophets
 - C. Is this an excuse?
 - D. I'm the only one left and they are trying to kill me
- Rea -later God tells him that he is not the only one left... but we all have felt this way
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
1. Why flee?
 2. Why did he run here?
 3. Is his ministry over?

II. The Whisper - 1 Kings 19:11-14

1. Go out and stand in the presence of the Lord (**verse 11**)
 - God is about to pass by
- Rea -note the drama as God "passes"
2. A wind tore the mountain - God was not in the wind
 3. An earthquake - God was not in the earthquake
 4. A fire (**verse 12**) - God was not in the fire
 5. Then a gentle whisper
 - the contrast with the huge (and noisy events preceding)
 6. Elijah reacts (**verse 13**)
 - he pulls his cloak over his face
- Rea -humbled instead of seeing himself as the only one (a prideful reaction)
7. Same question again - what are you doing here?
 - I've been zealous ... has not changed his mind (**verse 14**)
 - I'm the only one left
 8. God often appears in our still moments - versus a huge church service
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
1. Discuss times in which you have "heard from God" - were they like an earthquake or a still small voice
 2. Our worship services seem to imply that God speaks in the "big" things
 - big speakers, and big music, and big events
 - I'm not sure we want to hear from God, we had rather have the hoopla

3. Would you hear if God whispered?
-the whisper of God is more terrible than earthquakes, fires and wind

III. Reality Defined - 1 Kings 19:15-17

1. Go back the way you came (**verse 15**)
-go anoint Hazael king over Aram
-God is Lord even over nations that do not acknowledge Him
2. Anoint Jehu over Israel (**verse 16**)
-son of Nimshi
-Jehu exterminated the rebellious line of Israel (2 Kings 9-10)
3. Anoint Elisha to succeed you as prophet
4. Responsibilities of those “anointed” (**verse 17**)
-Jehu would put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael
-Elisha would put to death any who escape from Jehu
-the judgment of God through the hands of men
5. There are 7000 who have not bowed the knee to Baal (**verse 18**)
-Elijah did not know of God’s followers in the Northern Kingdom but God did
-at Acts 18:10 God told Paul that He had many people in this city
6. God sends us into fields where we might see little fruit

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Ideas and Questions:

1. Was Elijah right or wrong to flee?
2. Have you ever felt that you were the only one? - is this depression? Despair?
3. Note that you can run but God and His will follow you anywhere, everywhere
4. Is this the fruit of serving God? - discuss

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