

WHISPERS from God

Peeling back the distractions of
everyday life to hear from God.

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:: FREE TIME ::

What is your favorite thing to do when the schedule says, "free"?

Battling the Noise :: [1 Kings 19:1-13]

Personal notes about the experiences of Elijah ...

What noises often fill your life?

Distractions often look like ...

- > _____ things ... or ... _____ things
- > _____ about you ... or _____ about you

At the mouth of the cave, Elijah found himself in the _____ to finally hear from God.

- > we are often too busy
- > we are often un_____

What was Elijah's response to the "whisper" of God?

- > reminded of Moses' experience in Exodus 34:6-7
- > he begins to move _____ again

What is our response?

Encounter these verses today:

circle words that you identify with, underline phrases or sentences you'd like to remember, write questions about the passage out to the side

The Lord Appears to Elijah (1 Kings 19:9-13 NIV)

And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁰ He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

¹¹ The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

Solomon's Prayer of Dedication (1 Kings 8:35-36 NIV)

³⁵ "When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because your people have sinned against you, and when they pray toward this place and confess your name and turn from their sin because you have afflicted them, ³⁶ then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of your servants, your people Israel. Teach them the right way to live, and send rain on the land you gave your people for an inheritance.

God passes by Moses (Exodus 34:6-7 NIV)

The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷ maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished.

Digging Deeper this week ...

If you would like to take today's teaching to the next level, start digging!

Ask yourself the following questions ...

- 1) Do you believe that God still speaks to His people today? Why?
- 2) Have you ever experienced the "voice of God" in any way?
Explain the circumstances.

Investigate the truths found in Luke 5:16; Psalm 46:10.

- 3) Are you able to find quiet times in your life?
- 4) What sacrifices could be made in order to hear from God?