



Elijah hears God's Word

1 Kings 19:9-18



Discuss

1. Talk about a time when you realized you were wrong. How did you come to realize this?
2. As often happens with us, Elijah is confronted by something/someone OUTSIDE himself.



Recap

1. Elijah has been comforted and strengthened by the Angel of the LORD. Here at Sinai, he is VISITED by God himself.
2. Elijah is still BITTER towards God.



1 Kings 19:9–10

1. The Word of God finally comes to Elijah, and it is in the form of a QUESTION.
2. Why would God ask a question he already knows the answer to?
3. God is a RELATIONAL god. What good does that do for us?



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4. What is the focus of Elijah's complaint?

5. How is Elijah right? How is Elijah wrong?

6. The title Elijah uses for God hints at God's POWER.



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7. If Elijah is focused on HIMSELF, he only has HIMSELF to blame.

8. Have you heard people in your life talk like Elijah?



1 Kings 19:11–13a

1. Each of these natural wonders reminds the reader of previous ACTS OF GOD.
 - a. Wind - THE RED SEA
 - b. Earthquake - MOSES AT SINAI
 - c. Fire - ELIJAH AT MT. CARMEL



1 Kings 19:11–13a

2. How is a whisper different from these natural wonders?
3. How do you think Elijah knew that God was in the whisper?
4. The Word is God's USUAL way of working.



1 Kings 19:11–13a

5. Is God still speaking today?

6. When would you prefer to work through dramatic power? When would you prefer a quiet word?



1 Kings 19:13b–18

1. Elijah's response is IDENTICAL to before.
2. Would you have expected Elijah to say something different this time?



1 Kings 19:13b–18

3. God's response to Elijah is to put him BACK TO WORK.

4. How would this be a help to Elijah?



1 Kings 19:13b–18

5. Why would God's command to anoint kings and another prophet be a comfort to Elijah?
6. What other words of grace do you see in God's response to Elijah?



Closing Discussion

1. Transformation in people today often follows this same pattern of TRANSFORMATIVE CONVERSATION.



Closing Discussion

L - LISTEN and withhold judgment.

I - Invite them to IMAGINE what they want from God.

V - VALIDATE their desire with God's Word.

E - ENGAGE beyond this one time.