

# Elijah

*Week 5: 1 Kings 19:9–18*

## **Jot down some thoughts and 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 \_\_\_\_\_ himself.

## **Recap**

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

## **1 Kings 19:9–10 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup>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?”

<sup>10</sup>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.”

1. The Word of God finally comes to Elijah, and it is in the form of a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Why would God ask a question he already knows the answer to?

3. God is a \_\_\_\_\_ god. What good does that do for us?

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 \_\_\_\_\_.
7. If Elijah is focused on \_\_\_\_\_, he only has \_\_\_\_\_ to blame.
8. Have you heard people in your life talk like Elijah?

## 1 Kings 19:11–13a

<sup>11</sup> And [the word of the LORD] said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” 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. <sup>12</sup> And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. <sup>13</sup> And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

1. Each of these natural wonders reminds the reader of previous \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Wind -
- b. Earthquake -
- c. Fire -



## 1 Kings 19:13b–18

And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup> 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.” <sup>15</sup> And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. <sup>16</sup> And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup> And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. <sup>18</sup> Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

1. Elijah’s response is \_\_\_\_\_ to before.
2. Would you have expected Elijah to say something different this time?
3. God’s response to Elijah is to put him \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. How would this be a help to Elijah?

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. Through this experience, God transformed Elijah. God took a depressed prophet, and Elijah emerged humbler, wiser, and spiritually stronger. Transformation in people today often follows this same pattern of

\_\_\_\_\_.

**L** - \_\_\_\_\_ and withhold judgment.

Ex) God repeatedly asked Elijah to share what was on his heart.

**I** - Invite them to \_\_\_\_\_ what they want from God.

Ex) Elijah complains that he is the last prophet of God.

**V** - \_\_\_\_\_ their desire with God's Word.

Ex) God's response to Elijah: "You're not alone! There are 7,000 who have remained faithful!"

**E** - \_\_\_\_\_ beyond this one time.

Ex) God was calling Elijah to continue ministry and continue hearing God's Word.