

THE ABIDER

Connected / Transformed / Fruitful

August 25-26, 2018 / **Week 8** / Pastor Joseph Sissac

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WORSHIP

HE KNOWS
LEARN

HE'S ABLE
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How is it that we can abide in Christ and hear His voice, yet not be transformed in some areas of our lives? It is often because of one of the most significant challenges we face in prayer, **fatigue**. Physical, mental and spiritual fatigue can all impact our desire, beliefs and commitment to prayer.

First Kings Chapters 18-19 recount the story of the great prophet Elijah being used powerfully by God, but also experiencing severe **discouragement** and the eventual premature end of his ministry. After being threatened by Jezebel, Elijah went on the run. God supernaturally provided for him and then asked the question, **“What are you doing here, Elijah?” (1 Kings 19:1-9)**. Elijah’s response reveals that he’s lost sight of whom his God is.

What God does next for Elijah is both gracious and miraculous. He calls him out of the cave in which he was hiding, physically manifested Himself, and demonstrated His power over wind, earthquakes and fire. He then **confirmed** through **“a low whisper” (ESV)**, that He was with Elijah and would continue to guide him and protect him through whatever lay ahead. Through abiding, we can experience this as well.

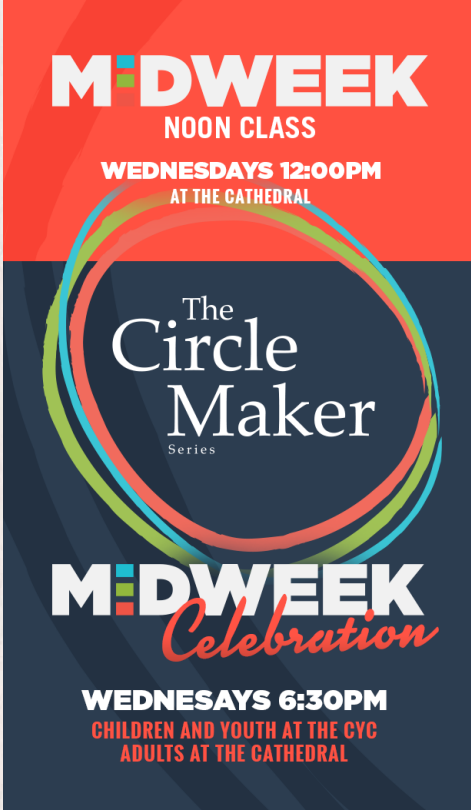
During discouragement, when the obstacles we face seem larger than our God, He reminds us of His sovereignty, power and faithfulness.

After witnessing an amazing demonstration by God Himself, Elijah makes a life-altering decision; **“He wrapped himself in his mantel and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave.” (1 Kings 19:13)**. Then God graciously asked again, **“What are you doing here, Elijah?”** After receiving a personal visitation filled with the awe and wonder of God, Elijah responded exactly as He had before (1 Kings 19:14). The lesson for the Abider is:

Don't let fatigue (physical, mental or spiritual), cause you to become discouraged or disillusioned and miss your next assignment from God.

What are **YOU** doing here, _____? Are you praying, listening, trusting, expecting and hoping in the Lord? When God draws you out **don't retreat due to fear and fatigue. Abide and be encouraged! God is not finished with you yet!** Align your heart with God's heart and faithfully step forward into His sovereign plan.

NOTES:



MIDWEEK
NOON CLASS
WEDNESDAYS 12:00PM
AT THE CATHEDRAL

The Circle Maker
Series

MIDWEEK
Celebration

WEDNESDAYS 6:30PM
CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT THE CYC
ADULTS AT THE CATHEDRAL



Getting it Together Now
6-WEEK CLASS

GET READY, GET SET, CUZ...
GET YOUR BOOK FOR THIS CLASS AT THE SERVE CORNER

WERE ALL GONNA GO!
An Uplift Approach to Meaningful Life, Ministry and Finding a New Normal
Beatrice Toney Bailey

BEGINNING SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 8TH 10:30AM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

TO REGISTER EMAIL: GTNCLASS@COP.CHURCH
OR GO TO THE REGISTER NOW LINK ON THE MAIN MENU AT COP.CHURCH

FACTORPOINT PRAYERS

Monday:

“Let your eyes look directly ahead and let your gaze be fixed straight in front of you. Watch the path of your feet and all your ways will be established.”

-Proverbs 4:25-26 Father I thank you for giving me the grace to focus my mind and attention on who You are and what You are doing in my life today. Keep me from the distraction of my own reasoning and discouragement. Remind me of Your power and faithfulness as I trust You this day. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Thursday:

“for we walk by faith, not by sight” -2 Corinthians 5:7

Lord I thank You for speaking truth into my life and giving me the object of my hope. By Your grace I will walk (live and believe) according to what You have spoken instead of being moved by my circumstances. Thank You for giving me the assurance and evidence for all that I hope for. It will come to past just as You said it would. Let my heart and mind be filled with thoughts of faith as I live this day to glorify Your name. In Jesus’ name I pray, amen.

Tuesday:

“Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.” -John 14:1

Thank You Lord Jesus for being my hope and strength. Give me grace today to guard my heart with Your truth and compassion. I thank You that every thought of worry, anxiety and fear will be countered by the power of Your Word of truth, forgiveness and faithfulness. Let my heart be stable and full of joy as I abide in You today. In Jesus’ name I pray, amen.

Friday:

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.” -Proverbs 3:5-6

Father in Heaven, I acknowledge that You are the omniscient God. Your wisdom and understanding are far above mine. Give me grace to trust in Your will and ways in everything I face today. Thank You for guiding my decisions even when I don’t fully understand the next step. You are in control and I submit to Your will. I pray these things in Jesus’ name, amen.

Wednesday:

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

-Joshua 1:9 Lord I acknowledge and celebrate Your Word and commandment to me today. I declare that I am strong and courageous because of Your presence with me and Your grace working through me. Thank You that wherever I go You are there to guide my steps, provide my every need and protect me from every threat. I give You glory and honor in Jesus’ name, amen.

Saturday:

“Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” -Hebrews 4:16

Lord Jesus thank You for being a perfect high priest and accomplishing redemption and righteousness on my behalf. Today I acknowledge and celebrate the grace and mercy as I abide in You and approach Your throne. Your grace is sufficient in my time of need. I declare that when I am weak, I am made strong by Your presence and Spirit that dwells within me. I thank You for forgiving me, providing all I need in You today. In Jesus’ name I pray, amen.

 **JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT TEACHING ON THE ABIDER AND RECEIVE THE PRAYER SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK.**

WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS

SATURDAYS 5PM SUNDAYS 8:30AM / 10:30AM / 12:30PM

BIBLE STUDY IS ON SUMMER BREAK

**WEDNESDAYS 12NOON AND 7PM AT THE CATHEDRAL
THURSDAYS 12NOON AT THE POWER CENTER**

**CENTERED LIFE
TV BROADCASTS**

WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS AT 8PM
COMCAST CHANNEL 20 / DIRECT TV CHANNEL 14
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