



# CVM Veterinary Conference

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Redefining Failure: Understanding  
Your Part in God's Plan

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How should we define failure...  
and success?



# Redefining Failure



## CHALLENGES

- Idolatry of Control
- The Challenge of Focus
- The Importance of Community and Self-Care

## TOOLS

- Discerning Peace
- Indifference and Resilience
- Fretting Not

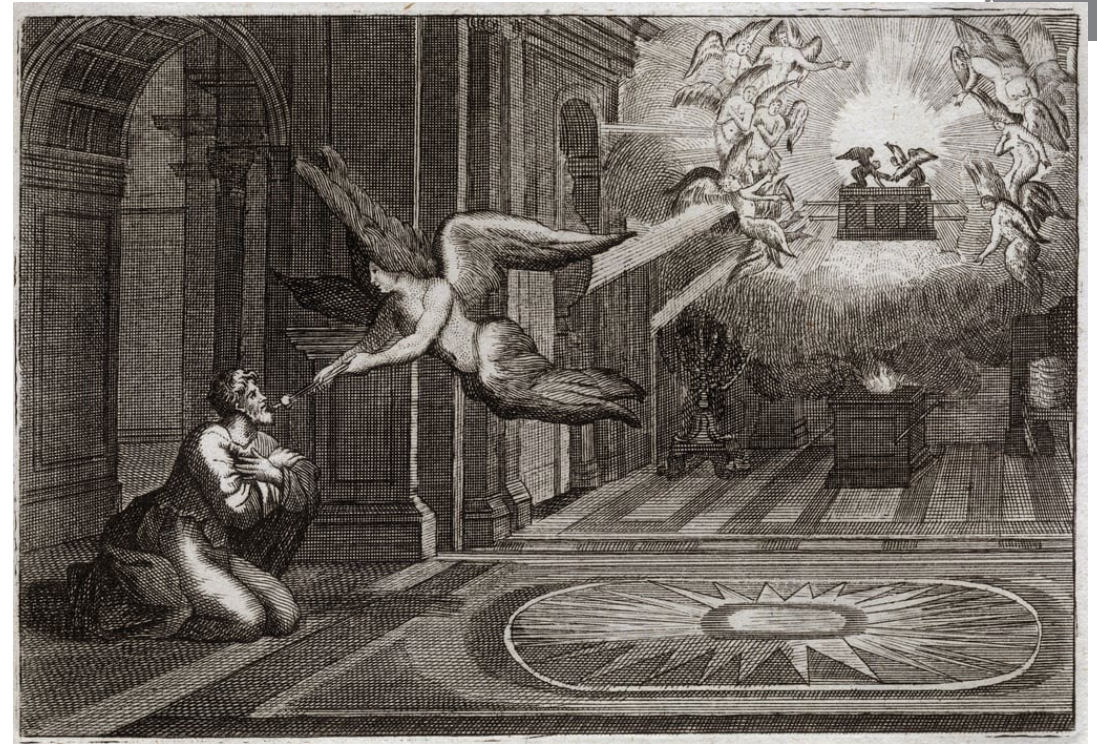


# Challenges



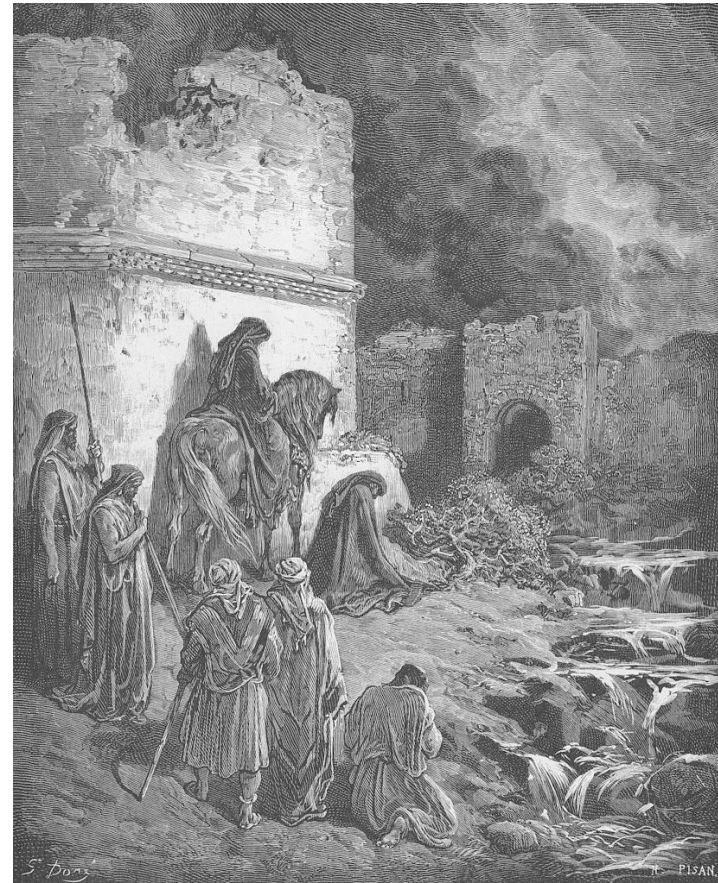
# Idolatry of Control

- Lessons from Isaiah
- Context, Causality, & Control
- Am I measuring outcome or obedience?



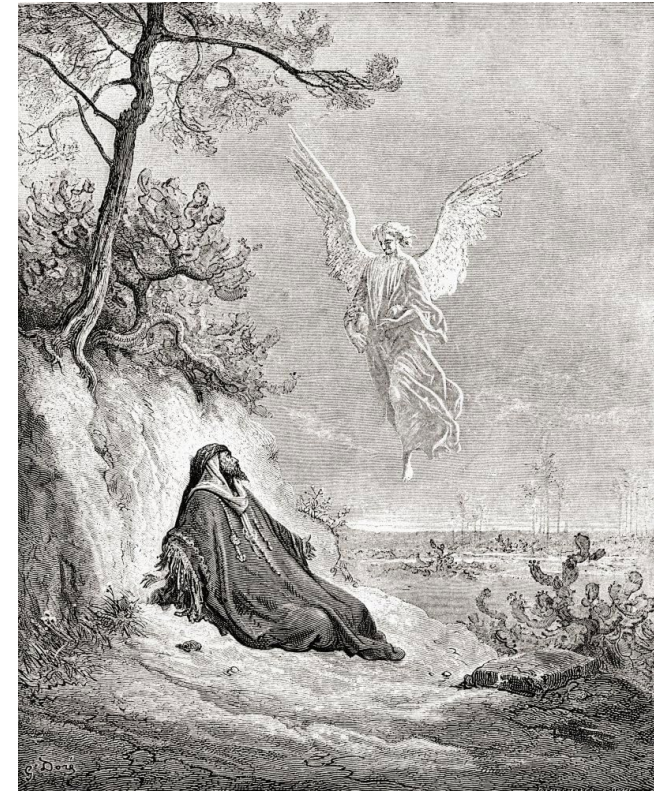
# The Challenge of Focus

- Lessons from Nehemiah
- What if I succeed at the wrong things?
- Discerning my great thing



# The Importance of Community and Self Care

- Lessons from Elijah
- Would I benefit from a nap and a snack?
- Who do I need to ask for help?
- What relationship do I need to cultivate?



# Tools



# Discerning Peace

- Lessons from the Twelve
- Holding loosely
- Accepting hospitality
- Dirty feet



# Indifference and Resilience

- Lessons from Ignatius and Benedict
- Indifference
- Presupposition
- Falling down
- Opportunities and invitations



# Fretting Not

- Lessons from Psalm 37
- Comparison
- Unmet expectations or potential



# Failure & Identity



*The Light  
shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has  
not overcome it.*

-John 1:5

