

1 Kings 19:9-18

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- 12) and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

Loss of Spiritual Strength

- Personal Expectations for God
- Distrust in God

God counseled Elijah to ...

1. Physical Rest and Refreshment

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- 7) And the angel of the LORD came back the second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you."
- 8) So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.

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- 13)** So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"
- 14)** And he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life."
- “What do you want me to do now? What’s next?”**
- 18)** Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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3. Recommission

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- 15) Then the LORD said to him: "Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria.
- 16) Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place.
- 17) It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill.

The Challenge

Is there something in your life you are expecting God to do, but He hasn't yet?



How are you responding or handling the delayed or the no-response?



Your answer is determining your spiritual intimacy with the Lord.

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