

# **Fired Up or Burnt Out?**

1 Kings 19:1-18; Matthew 11:28-30 1 Corinthians 15:58

**The Bottom Line:** The Lord takes care of both our physical and spiritual needs so we can continue to do the work He calls us to.

### **Introduction:**

The scriptures never shy away from the weaknesses of its most esteemed characters.

Few men of God are given the treatment that Elijah receives in God's word.

While scripture tells of his significance, it also tells us how "Elijah was a man with a nature like ours" (rf. James 5:17).

## Truth:

| serious fear, discouragement, and burnout. Look with me at 1 Kings 19:1-18. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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# **Application & Conclusion:**

Elijah needed to hear the words of the Apostle Paul, when he said, "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Perhaps you need to hear that today. Perhaps you need to know that none of your work for the Lord goes in vain, whether that be your ministry, family, career, or otherwise. Perhaps you need to be called out of becoming idle. Perhaps you need to remember that God has not called you to success, He has called you to serve Him faithfully.

Hear the Word of the Lord: Do not grow weary in doing good, for in due season you will reap, if you do not give up (Galatians 6:9). Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ (Colossians 3:23-24). Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:1a-2).

Jesus is the faithful servant who pressed forward against opposition and ultimately suffered for it, but He humbled himself as a servant, obedient to the point of death, faithful to do the will of God over His own, and for that reason, God raised him up. God will do the same for you if you will press on for His glory.

### **Reflection Questions:**

| 1. | What | does | this | teach | me about | God? |
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2. What does this teach me about me?

3. How do I apply this to my life?