

The Sound of His Whisper

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1 Kings 19:12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

This world can be a loud, boisterous, (and busy), place with lots of hustle and bustle, sideways energy, and competing priorities; so much so that one often has to be intentional about seeking any sense of solace and peace. Our technological advancements have made us continually available to access with the capacity to be plugged in to virtual engagement on an almost constant basis.

As I grow older, I find myself reminiscing to the seeming simplicity of life when I was growing up during my childhood. I remember when my mother would trick us into periods of silence by playing “the quiet game,” an imaginary competition of who could stay quiet for the longest period of time. My mother would also remind us to use “inside voices” if we became too loud.

I have known of believers who have unknowingly fallen out of the practice of embracing those essential pivotal moments of being available to hear from God, not from intentionally backsliding, but just from the sheer busy-ness of everyday life. One can even become so overwhelmed with the compulsion to be involved in “good things” that they could become tempted to lose those moments of intentionally seeking God’s presence.

I often speak with Assembly church members who express that God has laid a specific matter upon their heart. Those issues may include expressing a conviction, praying for an individual or a circumstance, or even extending generosity to a certain cause. I find myself encouraged in those conversations by a believer’s sensitivity to following the leadership of the Holy Spirit and by their response to the God’s Word for one’s life.

In **1 Kings 19**, Elijah was instructed that he would hear from the Lord. In the fulfillment of that expectation, **1 Kings 19:12** helps us to understand that the voice of God was not disclosed through major events like volatile wind, a violent earthquake or raging fire, but that God’s direction came through a gentle whisper.

As you anticipate God’s blessings for this day, might I recommend that you are sensitive to those “Be still and know that I am God moments” that may occur within your day? Be encouraged that God loves you and provides direction and guidance for our lives. Our role as believers is to be sensitive to God’s direction and guidance that He provides for us to walk in His will.

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