

"Christopublicrats - All the King's Horses and All the King's Men"

1 Kings 19:1-18; Romans 8:18-25; 1 Corinthians 15:50-58; Luke 19:41-44

Have you ever seen someone with "the weight of the _____ on their shoulders?" This is someone that looks _____, overwhelmed, even hopeless. They may even look _____ "beat down" and hunched over.

It happens when we believe: it's up to _____ to hold it together; I'm the _____ one that can fix this; it's _____ or never! This is where the Prophet Elijah was in 1 Kings 19:

Israel was off the rails in full blown _____.

He believed it was all riding on _____ to fix it.

He executed his _____ perfectly.

Nothing seemed to _____.

All the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't put _____ together again.

He _____ away in fear and shame, ready to give up completely.

When have you felt the weight of the world on YOUR shoulders?

God sent an _____ to Elijah, then passed by himself to remind him that:

"...the _____ is too great for you." (1 Kings 19:7)

It's _____ to think we have THE solution to the world's problems AND the ability to implement it!

You are not the center of the _____ or God's plan to work in the world.

It is also a _____ realization to see just how _____ the world really is. (Luke 19:41-44)

Then we can be directed once again to the _____ One who can fix it.

He then gives us _____. (Matt 11:28-30) He also gives us renewed _____. (1 Cor 15:58)

"If you read history you will find that the Christians who did the most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next. The Apostles themselves, who set on foot the conversion of the Roman Empire, the great men who built up the Middle Ages, the English Evangelicals who abolished the Slave Trade, all left their mark on Earth, precisely because their minds were occupied with Heaven. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this." - C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

When we _____ in Jesus' promise to renew and restore the world, we are more _____ and more _____ in the work he gives us to do. We aren't apathetic or nasty. We don't ** _____ ** to succeed because he *already* has. (John 16:33)

Where is God revealing the pride of the prophet lurking in your heart?

How is God calling you to rest in Jesus?

How is the Lord leading you to focus on the only perfect world we will ever have?

How is he calling you to a renewed sense of purpose to make the world a better place?