

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



October 23, 2022

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

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Psalm 46:1, 10, 11 (NIV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

**The Oaks Community Church
Priority #2**

We are a grace-based church. We emphasize God’s amazing grace in our relationship with Him and in our relationships with one another.

“For out of His fullness [the superabundance of His grace and truth] we have all received grace upon grace [spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing, favor upon favor, and gift heaped upon gift].”

John 1:16 (AMP)



“My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me.” John 10:27 (NIV)

III. “Elijah: How to Hear God’s Gentle Whispers
& Recognize and Overcome Depression”
I Kings 19
Pastor Gary Barber

❖ Elijah’s Journey, Struggles, & Depression

“¹ Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.”
I Kings 19:1, 2 (NIV)

“³ Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴ while he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. “I have had enough, LORD,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.””

I Kings 19:3, 4 (NIV)

God allowed depression in Elijah’s life to empty him of self-reliance. He was emptying him so He could fill him further with His Divine Strength.

“⁵ He lay down and slept under a juniper tree; and behold, there was an angel touching him, and he said to him, “Arise, eat.” ⁶ Then he looked and behold, there was at his head a bread cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷ The angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise, eat, because the journey is too great for you.” ⁸ So he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mountain of God.” I Kings 19:5-8 (NASB 1995)

“There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.” I Kings 19:9, 10 (NIV)

“¹¹ The LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.” I Kings 19:11, 12 (NIV)

- Elijah was the prophet of the mighty manifestations of God’s power. This is what he was used to seeing as evidence of God’s presence. God is showing him he has many ways of communicating.

The LORD is creative and diverse in His ways of speaking to us. Remain flexible... God may surprise you in how He communicates with you.

- ❖ Every communication of God will always be in alignment with the Holy Scriptures – His Word to all people for all generations.

“The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.”

Isaiah 40:8 (NASB)

“And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.” I Kings 19:12b, 13 (NIV)

“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.” I Kings 19:18 (NIV)

Relax. I have a plan to take care of your concerns.

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- Prayer, Reflection, Ministry Time

IV. Worshipping God Through Our Offerings

We are to offer ourselves to God first and then present our tithes and offerings with gratitude.

“Brothers and sisters, in light of all I have shared with you about God’s mercies, I urge you to offer your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice to God, a sacred offering that brings Him pleasure; this is your reasonable, essential worship.”
Romans 12:1 (VOICE)

3 Ways to Give:

1. Online at www.theoaksweb.com or download our app (The Oaks Bakersfield)
2. Mail Check/Drop Off Cash to: 10200 Campus Park Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93311
3. In person through the worship service offering or using the offering boxes

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Text us at 661-241-3408 or use the “I Am Watching Today!” button in the app to let us know that you are here today and with any prayer requests that you have.