

"AGAINST ALL ODDS"

1 Kings 19:1-5a – When Ahab got home, he told Jezebel everything Elijah had done, including the way he had killed all the prophets of Baal. So Jezebel sent this message to Elijah: “May the gods strike me and even kill me if by this time tomorrow I have not killed you just as you killed them.” Elijah was afraid and fled for his life. He went to Beersheba, a town in Judah, and he left his servant there. Then he went on alone into the wilderness, traveling all day. He sat down under a solitary broom tree and prayed that he might die. “I have had enough, LORD,” he said. “Take my life, for I am no better than my ancestors who have already died.” Then he lay down and slept under the broom tree.

Why so discouraged?

1. Because we are tired.
2. Because we are isolated.
3. Because we are distracted.

Overcomers ...

1. Take time to rest and eat.

- **1 Kings 19:5b-7** – But as he was sleeping, an angel touched him and told him, “Get up and eat!” He looked around and there beside his head was some bread baked on hot stones and a jar of water! So he ate and drank and lay down again. Then the angel of the Lord came again and touched him and said, “Get up and eat some more, or the journey ahead will be too much for you.”

2. Slow down and listen to God's voice.

- **1 Kings 19:11-13a** – “Go out and stand before me on the mountain,” the Lord told him. And as Elijah stood there, the Lord passed by, and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain. It was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

3. Stop sitting and start serving.

- **1 Kings 19:15-16** – Then the Lord told him, “Go back the same way you came, and travel to the wilderness of Damascus. When you arrive there, anoint Hazael to be king of Aram. Then anoint Jehu grandson of Nimshi to be king of Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from the town of Abel-meholah to replace you as my prophet.”

Coming Soon:

1. **Connect Class:** If you're interested in learning more about Dan River Church and what it means to become a member, join us for our next Connect Class on Sunday, April 21st. Stop by the Connect Center to sign up today.
2. **Honduras 2024:** Start praying now for our team that will be serving in our adopted village in Honduras June 9th-14th. You will be able to start donating items and helping our team with preparations for this trip on April 21st.
3. **DRC Students:** If you have a student in the 6th-12th grade, make sure they get connected to our Living Proof student ministry. We meet every Wednesday from 6pm-8pm. God is doing exciting things in our students. Don't miss out.
4. **Stay Connected:** Check out our Dan River Church Facebook page or our MyDRC app to stay updated on all that's happening at DRC. If you have any questions, stop by the Connect Center.