

1 Kings 19:4-5a

while he himself went a day's journey. He came to a broom bush and 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." Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep.

**IN THE WILDERNESS, THE _____
CAN _____.**

THE BEST THING WE CAN DO IS GET _____

Psalm 23:1-3a

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul." (NKJV)

**THERE ARE FOUR REASONS WHY WE DON'T
EXPERIENCE GOD'S REST.**

1 Kings 19:5b-6

All at once, an angel touched Elijah and said, "Get up and eat." He looked around, and there by his head was a cake of bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. And he ate and drank, and he lay down again.

#1: WE _____.

1 Kings 19:7

The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you."

Thankfully, He is the God of _____.

#2: WE _____.

1 Kings 19:8

So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by the food, he traveled forty days and forty nights, until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. There he went into the cave and spent the night.

1 Kings 19:9

And the word of the Lord came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

Thankfully, He is the God of _____.

#3: WE _____.

1 Kings 19:10

He replied, "I have been zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken 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."

Thankfully, He is the God of _____.

#4: WE _____.

1 Kings 19:11

The Lord said, "Go out and stand on a 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.

1 Kings 19:12

And after the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire, came a gentle whisper.

Thankfully, He is the God of _____.

Question: Why is it that when life is so difficult, and we are in the wilderness, God's voice is so quiet?

Answer: It's because _____.

Psalm 34:18

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed." (NLT)

HOME APPLICATION

Keep memorizing Matthew 1:23

“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

Start your morning by saying, **“We enjoy God on the mountain. We get to experience Him in the wilderness.”**

Review the **“Four Reasons Why We Don’t Experience God’s Rest”** and determine which reason(s) are you using to NOT experience it.

Each day speak out the **“Thankfully”** statement(s) that pertain to your reason(s) for NOT experiencing God’s rest.

NEXT STEPS

Fill out the communication card. If you are first time guest go to the guest services table and receive a free guest package.

Decide to follow Christ today! (Evangelism)

Make and daily pray for your "MY8 list" and ask God to help you become His influencer in your sphere of influence. (Evangelism)

Come to our services and INVITE your "MY8 List" of family and friends to church. (Worship & Evangelism & Fellowship)

Join others and get BAPTIZED after accepting Christ as Savior and Lord. Mark on the communication card your interest. (Fellowship)

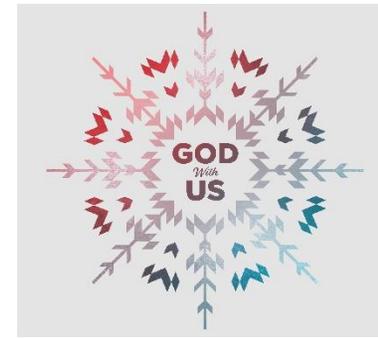
Sign up and attend our CLASSES (Christian Life And Service Seminars 101-401) on Thursday nights. Learn the “Cultivate” vision, verse, and how to use “The Relationship Clock” by going on the vision page of our website. (Discipleship)

Join the OWC community by attending Life Groups, Marriage In Motion, Celebrate Recovery, Momentum (Students), or Echo (Children). (Fellowship & Discipleship)

Become part of the team and SERVE at OWC by marking your interest today! (Ministry)

Commit to be “On Mission” this year by participating in a one-day or one-week mission trip in our community, in the United States, or overseas.

Give regularly by starting with the tithe (10%) to the Lord through Openwater Church (Worship/Stewardship)



“In the Wilderness”

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WILDERNESS OFTEN _____ MOUNTAINTOPS.

**WILDERNESS _____
ON GOD.**

**IN THE WILDERNESS, WE FEEL _____
AND HAVE _____.**

1 Kings 19:3

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