

ELIJAH PART III
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INTRODUCTION

- Elijah lived in a time that was wild and wicked. Israel was in deep trouble with God for worshiping idols.
- Ahab was a weak guy with a wicked wife named Jezebel.
- Elijah lived in the power of God. A power that is available to all of us, His Spirit!
- Last week we talked about Elijah and the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel.
- I Kings 18:21, “How long will you waver between two opinions?” – Limp, or wobble, hobble, lame
- Many of us do the same, we limp through life never committed to Jesus and wonder what’s wrong.

I. LIVING IN FEAR

- Elijah seems like a superhero, but truth is he had his moments when he crashed, like all humans.
- I Kings 19:1-4 NLT, When Ahab...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...”
- Anyone who serves experiences lows after highs.
- It is easy to mistake tiredness for spiritual coldness.
- Ministry is always at a cost emotionally, spiritually, and physically.
- Vs. 3 – Elijah is afraid. He ran for his life.

- Vss. 4-8 - Depression is an easy thing to embrace when you’re exhausted.
- God doesn’t rebuke him or get mad at him. He knows he is human so He refreshes him.

II. DON'T LOSE PERSPECTIVE

- Once Elijah lost perspective he lost a ton of possibility.
- And missed a huge chance to turn Israel back to God.
- It is so easy to lose perspective when you are tired.
- Overworked, emotionally spent, spiritually empty.
- Elijah had great faith, but he was human and looked at his circumstances instead of his God.
- Faith thrives when we keep our eyes on God, not the circumstances around us.
- In spite of all this God was kind to Elijah.
- Vss. 11-13 - God shows up and speaks in a still small voice.
- Get out of your cave, “What are you doing here?”
- Don’t isolate yourself!

III. THE RESTORATION OF GOD

- Look at the kind touch of God on the man of God who has fled in fear and failed. God is crazy about people!
- It is the same touch He has for each of us when we are weak and broken by ministry or people.
- His love never fails.
- He is always ready to restore, if we will come to Him.
- Vss. 15-19 - There is still ministry that needs to be done.
- Matthew 17:1-8 - God is a God of restoration.