

## God's Presence and My Concern

### In this Series . . .

1. We are reminded that no matter how \_\_\_\_\_ we may be, there are still times of growing and \_\_\_\_\_ in our faith. (Even Biblical giants have \_\_\_\_\_!)

*James 5:17* Elijah was a man just like us. . . .

2. We will learn that God has a \_\_\_\_\_, a response and a lesson for every situation that we face and that \_\_\_\_\_ is the key to our continued spiritual growth.

### The Running

*1Kings 19:1* 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." 3 Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. . . .

What did Ahab tell Jezebel?

(The contest, the taunting, the fire from heaven, the killing of the prophets of Baal, the trip back to Jezreel, the rain.)

Jezebel threatened Elijah's \_\_\_\_\_ which should have meant \_\_\_\_\_. (What was Elijah expecting? \_\_\_\_\_!)

When things didn't \_\_\_\_\_ like Elijah was expecting, he \_\_\_\_\_!

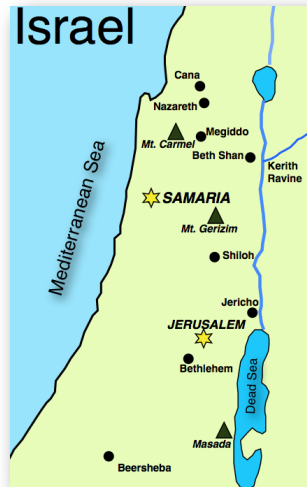
### The Refreshment

*1Kings 19:3* . . . When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, 4 while he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, 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." 5 Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." 6 He looked around, and there by his head was a cake of bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. 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." 8 So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Elijah traveled a very \_\_\_\_\_.

Elijah was now \_\_\_\_\_ in a \_\_\_\_\_.

Elijah was struggling with \_\_\_\_\_!



God allowed Elijah to \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_ and to take a \_\_\_\_\_ which included some \_\_\_\_\_ refreshment.

### The Reminder

*1Kings 19:9* 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?" 10 He replied, "I have been very 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." 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. 13 When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 14 He replied, "I have been very 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."

God's question was for Elijah's \_\_\_\_\_ and Elijah's answer was \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ counts!

God reminded Elijah that He doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ Himself in supernatural events \_\_\_\_\_ but in a quiet voice. *Life is not lived on \_\_\_\_\_!*

God \_\_\_\_\_ His question but Elijah still didn't "\_\_\_\_\_."

### The Responsibility

*1Kings 19:15* The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. 16 Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. 17 Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. 18 Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel — all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him." 19 So Elijah went . . .

God \_\_\_\_\_ Elijah that it was time to get \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

God's plan included the \_\_\_\_\_ of three men who, together, would \_\_\_\_\_ Baal worship in Israel.

God also explained that \_\_\_\_\_ in Israel were still \_\_\_\_\_ following the True God. Elijah was not \_\_\_\_\_!

### Lessons

1. The ups and downs of life are \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Don't fall into \_\_\_\_\_ thinking that you are the \_\_\_\_\_ that is still faithful.
3. When you are at a \_\_\_\_\_, follow the \_\_\_\_\_ plan:  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ refreshment; b. \_\_\_\_\_ renewal; c. Get \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_!