



“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

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TEXT: 1 KINGS 19:1-18

GOD WANTS TO ENCOURAGE YOU

INTRODUCTION

- A. How many of us love to receive encouragement from others?
- B. How many of us love receive encouragement when everything is well?
- C. How many of love receive encouragement when everything is not so well?
- D. It is very encouraging to receive encouragement from (family, friends, coworkers etc.) but it is extremely special when encouragement comes from God.

ELIJAH RAN FROM A CHALLENGE / THE MINISTRY (1 KINGS 19:1-4)

- A. God used Elijah in awesome ways
- B. Elijah faced a new challenge.
- C. Elijah forgot all the challenges that God brought him through and he ran for his life.
- D. How many of us forget all the challenges that God has brought us through and run from them?
- E. Elijah wanted the Lord to take his life! He wanted to quit his ministry
- F. How many of us wanted to quit our ministry due to us feeling overwhelmed or because things became a rough?

GOD ENCOURAGED ELIJAH BY PROVIDING HIS PHYSICAL NEEDS (1 KINGS 19:5-8)

- A. God through an angel provides food and water for Elijah to eat and drink.
- B. God also will provide all of our needs. Matthew 6:31-32

GOD ENCOURAGED ELIJAH BY PROVIDING HIS SPIRITUAL NEEDS (HIS WORD) (1 KINGS 19:9-18)

- A. The word of the Lord came to Elijah and asked him “What are you doing here, Elijah?”
- B. Elijah, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts... I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.”
- C. The LORD tells him to Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD.
- D. As the Lord passed by, the Lord was not in the wind, the Lord was not in the earthquake, the Lord was not in the fire, Elijah heard the Lord in a still small voice.

GOD ENCOURAGED ELIJAH TO KEEP GOING (1 KINGS 19:15-18)

- A. The LORD commands Elijah to go to the wilderness of Damascus
- B. God reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal

GOD ENCOURAGES PILGRIM REST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH TO KEEP GOING

- A. God encourages us –Pilgrim Rest to keep moving forward.
- B. God has literally reserved some souls who are willing to hear a word