

Daily Devotional, March 30, 2020 Wait For The Lord

I imagine that with the home sheltering and public distancing that we are all experiencing, there have been days when you have grown tired and discouraged—times when you were going stir crazy and felt like quitting!

Some folks go through great trials in trying to recover from these low ebbs and often make decisions that devastate their lives. These are moments that we must remember are only temporary, and no matter how bleak, there are ways to overcome those fits of depression no matter how dark we feel.

In the book of 1 Kings, chapter 19, we read the story of Elijah who faces a battle with 450 prophets of Baal. He stood alone—the essence of courage and faith. God sent fire from heaven, defending that faithful man. However, the very next day Elijah's weariness gave way to discouragement. In fact, he let one godless queen named Jezebel get the better of him. When confronted by her, he ran for his life and told God he had had enough.

We see in the story of Elijah that there is a correlation among the physical, emotional, and the spiritual elements of your life. When Elijah grew tired and discouraged, he forgot how he had encountered God in the past, how God sent ravens to feed him at Cherith; how God sent him to Zarephath where he amazingly brought the widow's son back to life. He forgot how God consumed the false prophets with fire. When we read these stories, we begin to remember how God has answered some pretty important prayers in our own lives.

When Elijah was weary and discouraged, he ran until he was exhausted and then crawled into a cave. God discovered him there and got his attention by use of amazing physical forces. First he brought wind, then an earthquake, followed by lightning, and finally the small voice of God asking "Elijah, what are you doing *here*?" God was with him wherever he went.

So the next time you feel like hiding in a cave of gloom, listen for God's voice saying, "What are you doing *here*?"

"Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD" (Psalm 27:14). This is the answer when you are tired and discouraged. For God will be *there* with you!