

“Come Out of the Cave”

1 Kings 19:9-10

1. It's ok to get real with God. We can express our worries and our needs to Him.

- God will give us His peace
- Elijah was afraid, he voiced his concern to the Lord
- Elijah was focused on the current state of affairs as it had been revealed to him by his eyes and ears.
- They had silenced the prophets and shut down the places of worship.
- He felt alone and was wondering where God was in all of this.

1 Kings 19:11-12

- The Lord was not in the Destruction
- The Lord was not in the Earthquake
- The Lord was not in the bright and flashing Fire

1 Kings 19:13-6

2. God will speak to us.

- When Elijah paid attention to hear the Lord in the still small voice he found God had a plan
- If WE can realize that God is not in the Floods and the Fires
- That He is not in the Pandemic and the Natural Disasters

3. We need to position ourselves to hear from and be used by God

- When Elijah heard the Lord he wrapped his face in his mantle and stepped out!
- In order to do that, we need to - come out of that cave!
- He obeyed and positioned himself before the Lord
- He found God had an assignment
- It was to appoint kings and anoint his replacement
- We can seek Him in His Word and Listen to His voice we will realize that God has a plan, He has an assignment and we have been invited to partake in it with Him.

John 20:19-23

- The Lord appeared to the disciples in their fear and in their hiding and presented them PEACE and their assignments.

Acts 1:8-14

4. There is a difference between waiting on God in unity and prayer, and isolating in fear and closing off to the world around you.

- Think about the conversations the Disciples were having before Jesus spoke to them?

- Maybe similar to Elijah's concerns, they killed our king and now they are coming for us. You saw what they did to Jesus!
- “ •Peter had to lie or they would have killed him”
- They prayed in the upper room for 10 days before the Spirit came rushing in.
- Their Confession had changed, they were no longer arguing, afraid, and focused on what they saw with their eyes or heard with their ears.
- They went back into the upper room and now they were praying together in Faith!
- They had visited with the Lord and received their assignment from the “Word of God”
- The moral shifted, One visit, One word from God, changed their outlook, they had HOPE that when the promise came they would continue their Lord's word.

Acts 2:1-4

5. We need to “Release the Word”

- Peter had denied his Lord three times in fear of what that might do to him.
- Now stands full of the Holy Spirit and decrees this truth

Acts 2:17-21, 38-39