

When the Father Whispers

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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. **9** There he went into a cave and spent the night.

The LORD Appears to Elijah

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."

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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?"

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-Elijah was coming down from an amazing high time in his life; unprecedented victory

-life hit him square in the face- his enemy threatens to kill him, and Elijah runs away (vv. 8-9)

-where was God? What was a safe place for Elijah?

-the safest, best place for him was where God had placed him- Carmel, the battle, facing the enemy

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-but Elijah runs to the past; to Mt. Horeb

-what is Mt. Horeb?

-Exodus 3; its the place where the 10 commandments were given; where God met Moses

-the place where God established his covenant with His people

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-we do this; we look backwards

*for comfort

*for condemnation

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v.10- when we get to that familiar place and God doesn't show himself the same way again, it can plunge us into an even deeper darkness

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-did you see God's strange question of Elijah? (v. 9)

*first its the LORD- Yahweh

*second, its revealing- not so much about God, as it is about Elijah

>God is not ignorant

>Elijah is!

When the Father Whispers

-where is God?

-the God who started this all, who wants relationship with us, he's about to reveal himself

*are you looking?

*are you listening?

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vv. 11-13

-its a gentle whisper from the Lord

-our covenant God is drawing us to himself so we can come to him, questions and all, so he can speak to us in his still, small voice

-our Father God has always carried his people through shadows, valleys and death

*are you looking?

*are you listening?

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Luke 13:34

-God wants to gather his hurting people to himself and speak to them with hope, peace, love, courage, and strength as he carries them

*will you see?

*will you hear?



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