

# Sermon Discussion Notes Celebration Church

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### Key Text: I Kings 19:1-21

#### God Sometimes Gives Us More Than We Can Handle

- The angel told Elijah that his journey would be too hard for him (I Kings 19:7).
  - Most of us settle for journeys that we know we can complete.
    - Stop living an easy life.

### Go On a Spiritual Journey that Makes an Eternal Difference

- God gave Elijah supernatural strength for his journey (I Kings 19:8).
  - Forty days was about twice as long as the journey normally would have taken.
    - Sometimes God moves slower than we want Him to move.

## Know Your Purpose and Calling

- God asked Elijah, "What are you doing here?" (I Kings 19:9, 13).
  - Elijah went to Beersheba because he feared Jezebel (I Kings 19:3).
    - His fear caused him to forget what God had done for him and to run from his purpose and calling.
- Ask yourself, "Why do I go to church? Why am I involved in ministry?"
  - Is it to fulfill your purpose and calling or because of fear or obligation?

#### Don't Seek Pity When Things Don't Go Your Way

• Elijah was more focused on the terrible things happening around him than on his purpose and calling (I Kings 19:10, 14).

#### > God Doesn't Always Move Like We Expect Him to Move

- Elijah was on Mt. Sinai where there were great signs and wonders when Moses received the ten commandments (Exodus 24:12-18).
  - Elijah also saw signs and wonders (wind, an earthquake, and fire), but God spoke to him not in these things, but rather, in a still, small voice (I Kings 19:11-12).
    - Sometimes people are so caught up in signs and wonders that they fail to hear the still, small voice of God reminding them of their purpose and calling.

#### God will Fulfill the Purpose and Calling on Your Life

 God reminded Elijah of his purpose and calling, which He would fulfill despite the terrible things that were happening around him (I Kings 19:15-16).

## > God Will Send You People Who Will Help You Fulfill Your Purpose and Calling

• God called Elisha to be Elijah's servant (I Kings 19:19-21).

## > Make a Public Declaration of Your Purpose and Calling

- Elisha revealed his purpose and calling to all of his loved ones (I Kings 19:21).
  - You should live out your purpose and calling with boldness.
  - Be about your Father's business (Luke 2:49).