

A Time *To* Hear God

I Kings 19:8-12

8 Elijah got up, ate and drank, and the food gave him enough strength to travel forty days and forty nights to Mount Sinai, the mountain of God. 9 There he came to a cave, where he spent the night. The Lord said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

10 Elijah replied, "I have zealously served the Lord God Almighty. But the people of Israel have broken their covenant with you, torn down your altars, and killed every one of your prophets. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too."

I Kings 19:8-12

11 "Go out and stand before me on the mountain," the Lord told him. And as Elijah stood there, the Lord passed by, and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain. It was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake.

12 And after the earthquake there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper. [And God spoke to Elijah.]

God *Whispers*

He *refocused* Elijah on a brighter future.

He *reinforced* Elijah with a ministry helper.

He *reminded* Elijah of a Kingdom reality.



the *Whisper* of God

"The Church is my idea...and it is
the HOPE of the World."



Why we *love* the church

1. Christ is "head over all things to the church"
EPHESIANS 1:22
2. The church "is His body"
EPHESIANS 1:23
3. The church is "the fullness of Him who fills all in all"
EPHESIANS 1:23
4. The church is key to God's "eternal purpose"
EPHESIANS 3:10-11
5. Christ "loved the church and gave Himself for it"
EPHESIANS 5:25



the *Whisper* of **God**

"The church isn't a place,
it's my people."



the *Whisper* of **God**

"My people can't hear my voice
because of cluttered lives."



the *Whisper* of **God**

"I am sovereign over the
course of this world as well as
the concerns of your life."



John 6:5-6

Jesus sat on a hillside with his disciples around him. Soon he saw a great multitude of people climbing the hill, looking for him. Turning to Philip he asked, "Philip, where can we buy bread to feed all these people?" (He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do.)

Rule *#1*
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Don't sweat the small stuff.

Rule *#2*
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It's all small stuff

Genesis 18:13-14

"Why did Sarah laugh? Why did she say, 'Can an old woman like me have a baby?' Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return about this time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

Jeremiah 32:17

"O Sovereign Lord! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you!"

Jeremiah 32:26-27

"I am the Lord, the God of all the peoples of the world. Is anything too hard for me?"

the *Whole* point



Since Jesus already knows what
he needs to do, we don't need to
sweat the small stuff!

AND NEVER FORGET:

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