

WHEN WE NOTICE GOD MOVING ARE WE WILLING TO NOT FOCUS ON OURSELVES

1 Kings 19:7 – 19 (ESV) March 2, 2025 Danny Bowers, Executive Pastor

MESSAGE NOTES

"And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, "The Lord, He is God; the Lord, He is God." — 1 Kings 18:39 (ESV)

When do we notice if our lives are lining up with Jesus?

Questions we can always consider:

- Did I follow Jesus into my current circumstance (Yes or No)
- (Y) Am I willing to keep following Jesus?
- (N) Am I willing to redirect and now trust Jesus to guide me?

When we notice, is our voice speaking up & out for what Jesus stands for?

1 Kings 19:7-19

There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." -1 Kings 19:9-10 (ESV)

And He said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" -1 Kings 19:11-13 (ESV)

He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." -1 Kings 19:14 (ESV)

And the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." -1 Kings 19:15-18 (ESV)



Question: How do you hide?

Answer: Spiritual fight, flight or freeze?

When we notice we create expectations for Jesus.

Expectations are like prepackaged disappointments.

What could shift for you this week if you led with trusting Jesus before setting an expectation for Him?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: What is the farthest you've walked or hiked to reach a destination?
- Read 1 Kings 19:7-18. What description would you be thrilled to be called because of your relationship with Jesus?
- What attitude do you have toward Elijah as you read this passage? What do you notice about yourself as you read the text?
- Mount Horeb, also known as Mount Sinai, is a critical mountain in Israel's history. Both Moses and the prophet Elijah had significant encounters with God there. Is there a physical place where you feel a stronger connection with Jesus than anywhere else?
- How do you respond when life doesn't go as you desire—fight, flight, or freeze?
- What expectations, if any, do you find yourself continually bringing to Jesus?
- What could shift for you this week if you led with trusting Jesus before creating an expectation of Him?

