

In Times of Crisis, Use This Prophet's Secret to Hearing From God

You feel as if life is spiraling out of control. Sickness has a strong grip on you. It's dominating the direction of your life. You wonder when you will be able to stop scraping the bottom of the barrel just to make ends meet. Let's not forget your children are rebelling against their godly upbringing. You don't know where to turn, and you don't know what you should do.

The right thing to do is to get down on your knees and send Him a dispatch for help. His Word tells us that He will hear when we call out to Him (see Ps. 4:3). You read these words and think to yourself, "I am doing this, and still He doesn't respond." Second Corinthians 10:5 teaches us to take every thought into captivity. And then we need to be still, quiet ourselves and learn to listen.

The prophet Elijah has to learn this lesson as well. Evil is happening all around, he's now in trouble with Jezebel and has to flee for his life. Let's read from 1 Kings 19:11-13 what the Spirit of God reveals to him.

He said, "Go and stand on the mountain before the Lord."

And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind split 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 came, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake, a fire came, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire, a still, small voice. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood in the entrance to the cave.

And a voice came to him and said, "Why are you here, Elijah?"

The lesson I see in this portion of Scripture is that most of us don't know how to still ourselves during times of crisis. Many busy themselves so they have no time to think about the situation. But in doing so, they also are so occupied with meaningless things that they cannot hear God's voice either. Or they try to run from their troubles and go from one meeting to the next, hoping they will hear from the Lord, but it still doesn't happen. Why not?

Because we must learn what Elijah learns: He needs to stop the running, be still, stop crying and talking and just be quiet and listen. If you will purpose in your heart to do this, you too will hear the Lord speak to you. You will hear Him speak to you with His still, small voice, but only after you send out an SOS, take control of your wild and negative thoughts, stop running, quit busying yourself with distractions, be quiet and allow Him to speak to you.

My greatest victories happen when I do as Elijah does and cover myself with my mantle, shut out the noise and the confusion of this world, come out from the spiritual darkness of the cave, stand in the entrance where His manifested presence can shine down upon me. Then I can clearly hear His voice call out to me. And I encourage you to do the same.
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