

**THE POWER OF AN OBEDIENT LIFE:  
*Overcoming Discouragement*  
(1 Kings 19:1-18)**

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*Elijah was a man just like us.* James 5:17 (NIV)

*Now Ahab told Jezebel everything that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them." Elijah was afraid and ran for his life.* 1 Kings 19:1-3a (NIV)

**I. Discouragement comes when you forget what God did \_\_\_\_\_ because you are overwhelmed with \_\_\_\_\_!**

*When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, while he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors."* 1 Kings 19:3b-4 (NIV)

**A. Because God is still God, he will still \_\_\_\_\_!**

*This same God who takes care for me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 4:19 (NLT)

*Then [Elijah] lay down under the tree and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." He looked around and there by his head was a cake of bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.* 1 Kings 19:5-6 (NIV)

**B. Because God is still God, he will still give you \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_.**

*The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." 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.* 1 Kings 19:7-8 (NIV)

**C. Because God is still God, he will still give you \_\_\_\_\_!**

*There [Elijah] went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the Lord came to him.* 1 Kings 19:9 (NIV)

*By your words I can see where I am going; they throw a beam of light across my dark path.* Psalm 119:105 (MES)

**II. Discouragement comes when you focus on your \_\_\_\_\_ instead of \_\_\_\_\_!**

*[Elijah] 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."* 1 Kings 19:10 & 14 (NIV)

**See 2 Kings 6:15-17 (NIV)**

*You, dear children, are from God, and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.* 1 John 4:4 (NIV)

**III. Discouragement comes when you fail to sense God at work in the \_\_\_\_\_ because you are looking for the \_\_\_\_\_!**

*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. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.* 1 Kings 19:11-13 (NIV)