



HEARING GOD'S WHISPER

1 Kings 19:1-18 | Pastor Mohan Zachariah

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Ice Breaker:

What type of wilderness would you least like to be stranded in?

Introduction: Finding God in the Wilderness

Life's "wilderness" moments can bring fear, despair, or distraction. In these moments, God often speaks not in loud displays but in the stillness of a whisper, inviting us to trust His presence, care, and mission.

1. Overcoming Fear and Despair (1 Kings 19:1-4)

Elijah, fresh off a great victory for God, flees to the wilderness in fear and despair. Even a powerful prophet like Elijah struggled with doubt and fear, reminding us that no one is immune to these challenges.

Application Questions:

- What fears or anxieties currently feel overwhelming in your life, and how are they shaping your view of God's power?
- How can you intentionally turn your moments of fear into times of prayer and trust, like Elijah ultimately experienced?

2. Experiencing God's Compassionate Care (1 Kings 19:5-8)

God meets Elijah in his brokenness with tender compassion. Through an angel, God provides food, rest, and strength for the journey ahead, showing His deep care even when Elijah wants to give up.

Application Questions:

- What are the specific ways you've experienced God's provision and care during a difficult season?
- How can you actively seek to notice and respond to God's care when you're in a "wilderness" moment?

3. Hearing God Above the Noise of Life (1 Kings 19:9-14)

Elijah learns that God often speaks not through dramatic events like wind, earthquakes, or fire, but in the quietness of a gentle whisper. This reminds us to step away from life's noise to focus on Him.

Application Questions:

- What distractions or "noise" in your life are preventing you from hearing God's voice clearly?
- What practical steps can you take this week to create space for silence and listening to God's whisper?

4. Returning to God's Mission (1 Kings 19:15-18)

Despite Elijah's despair, God calls him back to His mission. Elijah is tasked to anoint leaders and continue the work of opposing idolatry. God also assures Elijah he is not alone—there are 7,000 faithful in Israel.

Application Questions:

- How does understanding that God is still at work, even when you feel discouraged, give you hope?
- What is one step of obedience God is calling you to take, even in the midst of your wilderness season?

Conclusion

God meets us in our wilderness experiences:

- Over our fear and despair.
- Through His compassionate care.
- Above the noise of life.
- To call us back to His mission.
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Take time this week to reflect on where you are in the "wilderness" and listen for God's gentle whisper.