

Spiritual Leaders Who Battled Discouragement:

- (34) \_\_\_\_\_
- Jonah
- (35) \_\_\_\_\_
- Solomon
- Moses
- Abraham
- Jacob
- (36) \_\_\_\_\_

QUESTION: What is the answer?

**TRIP #4:** A (37) \_\_\_\_\_ and (38) \_\_\_\_\_ moment with God – *I Kings 19:11-18*

Elijah needed convincing of two truths:

- Truth #1: He was not (39) \_\_\_\_\_.
- Truth #2: His life and ministry were not (40) \_\_\_\_\_.

Elijah had to get the (41) \_\_\_\_\_ out of his life so he could hear from God.

*Mark 9:28-29—“And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” 29 So He said to them, “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.”*

God’s message to Elijah:

- I have (42) \_\_\_\_\_ ready to help you.
- I have a (43) \_\_\_\_\_ for your enemies.
- I have a plan for your (44) \_\_\_\_\_.
- I have a plan for your (45) \_\_\_\_\_.

CONCLUSION: Everything’s going to be (46) \_\_\_\_\_.



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Answers: 1-Spiritually 2-hab 3-24 hours 4-enemy 5-instant 6-difficult 7-weak 8-physically 9-far 10-holy 11-Abraham 12-Isaac 13-Jacob 14-Samuel’s 15-Southern 16-Shut 17-head 18-10 Commandments 19-Genesis 20-Leviticus 21-40 22-lowest 23-Emotionally 24-lifelong 25-truth 26-attacker 27-Discouragement 28-Fear 29-Uncertainty 30-Solitude 31-exhaustion 32-despair 33-life 34-Job 35-David 36-Joseph 37-personal 38-intimate 39-alone 40-over 41-noise 42-people 43-plan 44-ministry 45-country 46-okay

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**“The Harsh Reality of Living for God in a Godless World”**  
A study of the Life and Ministry of Elijah  
Sunday Evening, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010

**Message #5: “The Loneliness and Discouragement of Spiritual Warfare”**

*I Kings 18:46-I Kings 19:18*  
Pastor Christian Newsome

**“Coming Down From the Mountain of Spiritual Triumph”**

**Trip #1: The Trip Down** (1) \_\_\_\_\_ – *I K. 18:46 – I K. 19:3a*

Elijah’s trip to Jezreel with (2) \_\_\_\_\_ does not end the way Elijah imagines.

- Prophets of Baal are dead.
- Ahab has witnessed the Power of God.
- The drought is over.

No Victory Parade???

Ahab’s first-hand experience with the Living God does not sway Jezebel in the least, who vows to kill Elijah within (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

QUESTION: DID AHAB BELIEVE???

*[ESV] “Elijah was afraid”* – Fear of the natural is the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of trust in the Supernatural.

Elijah went from spiritual strength to spiritual weakness in an

(5) \_\_\_\_\_.  
*I Corinthians 10:11-12—“Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.”*

**SPIRITUAL PARADOX:** Each spiritual victory in our life leads to more <sup>(6)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ spiritual warfare.

*Matthew 12:43-45—“When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. 44 Then he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. 45 Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there...”*

**SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING:** Every Christian relies on God’s strength more when they are <sup>(7)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.

*II Corinthians 12:9-10—“And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”*

**Trip #2: The Trip Down** <sup>(8)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_

– I K. 19:3b-8

“**Beersheba**” – Elijah ran as <sup>(9)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ as he could to the most <sup>(10)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ place that he could.

“**Beersheba**” – The “Well of Seven”, or the “Seven Wells”.

**The Legacy of Beersheba:**

- God appeared to <sup>(11)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ in Beersheba – Gn. 21:33
- God appeared to <sup>(12)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ in Beersheba – Gen. 26:23-25
- God appeared to <sup>(13)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ in Beersheba – Gn. 46:1-4
- <sup>(14)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ sons ruled Israel spiritually from Beersheba – I Sam. 8:1-2
- Beersheba was the <sup>(15)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ boundary of Israel and known as such:

“**Horeb**” – Better known as Mount <sup>(16)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, the Mountain of God from the Exodus of Egypt to Israel.

- Both Moses and Israel <sup>(17)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ from the Living God on Mount Sinai – Ex. 3:1-2
- Moses received the <sup>(18)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ on Mount Sinai – Ex. 20

- Moses received the history of the book of <sup>(19)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ on Mount Sinai – Ex. 34
- Moses received the contents of the book of <sup>(20)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, and God’s standards for Worship, on Mount Sinai.

Like Moses and like Jesus, Elijah would spend <sup>(21)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ days of fasting and in isolation with God on the way to Mount Horeb/ Mount Sinai.

Having stood in the spiritual footprints of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and now Moses, Elijah finds himself at the <sup>(22)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ point of his ministry career.

**Trip #3: The Trip Down** <sup>(23)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_

I Kings 19:4; 9-10

In the days and weeks after Elijah’s greatest spiritual triumph, his emotions leave him <sup>(24)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.

The <sup>(25)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ about spiritual warfare and why it will never go away in this lifetime:

*Ephesians 6:11-13a—“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day...”*

**REAL TRUTH:** We may conquer spiritual attacks, but the spiritual <sup>(26)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ will not go away until destroyed by God in the end times.

*Revelation 20:10—“The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”*

A Glimpse into <sup>(27)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_:

- <sup>(28)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ of future events.
- <sup>(29)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ of future of events.
- <sup>(30)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ that seems involuntary.
- Physical <sup>(31)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ that is real.
- Emotional <sup>(32)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ that is crippling.
- Questioning whether <sup>(33)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ is worth living.