

The Lord Passes By

1 Kings 19:1-18

1. What do you think is worse, being in some circumstance where you are afraid, or feeling guilty because you ran away? Discuss.

2. Read 1 Kings 19:1-18.

3. If you could imagine for a moment what Ahab told Jezebel when he returned. Do you think Ahab believed in the God of Israel? Was Jezebel convinced by Ahab's words? (v.1-2)

4. Did Elijah take the threat seriously? What alternative action could he have taken? What would you have done? (v.3-4)

5. What does Elijah mean by saying "I am no better than my ancestors"? (See Deut 1:22-32)

6. Describe God's response to Elijah (v.5-9).

7. "What are you doing here, Elijah?" Say this question aloud several times, with the emphasis on different words. Which emphasis seems right to you? Discuss.

8. God asks Elijah to state why he has come to Mt Sinai. Why? Discuss.

9. What do you think are the reasons behind God's task for Elijah (v.11-13)? Discuss.

10. What hope does Elijah express for the future of Israel? (v.10)

11. Is Elijah's assessment of the situation in Israel accurate? What does Elijah learn about God, and the future? (v.14-18)

12. Has Elijah's fear and lack of trust disqualified him from being useful to God?

13. Have you ever been involved in a ministry of serving others and God, and gotten to the point where you said "I have had enough Lord"? Does God know exactly what you are thinking? Pray for God to sustain you, refresh you and correct your thinking where it may be wrong. If willing, tell God you are ready to trust him again.

14. Pray for each other.