



It's Time Ministries

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Men's Bible Study Series: 7 Things Winners Do

#2 – They Get Up - Key Passage for lesson: 1 Kings 19:1-18

BEING DOWN NOW DOESN'T MEAN YOU ALWAYS WERE

- ❖ Elijah (my God is Jehovah)
 - Elijah trusted God enough to confront Ahab and decree it wouldn't rain until he spoke it so – 1 Kings 17:1
 - Elijah who trusted God enough to face an angry, frustrated Ahab and yet still stand firm and declare the Word of the Lord concerning the true cause of Israel's drought – 1 Kings 18:18
 - Elijah who put to death all the false prophets after making a mockery of their false gods and sets the atmosphere in the land for unprecedented revival
 - ➔ **The world is waiting for men of God to step up to the plate and do the Will of God**
 - Note 1 Kings 18:46

HOW DID I END UP HERE?

- ❖ In the midst of great success, Elijah ends up down and out in a cave. Have you ever been there and had to ask yourself how did you end up there?
- ❖ No matter how mightily God uses you, don't forget you are human also – James 5:17

THE THREAT (Vs. 1-2)

- ❖ Elijah allowed fear of the known enemy to cripple him – Verses 1-2
 - A weak man (Ahab) told a manipulative ungodly woman (Jezebel) to fight for him – vs. 1 (1 Kings. 21:25)
 - She was a Phoenician princess and worshipper of Baal and Astarte – 1 Kgs 16:31; 1 Kgs 18:19
 - Jezebel doesn't back down because Elijah is anointed but she bucks up – Luke 4:35

HIS RESPONSE (vs. 3-4)

- ❖ Based upon what happened to others – 1 Kings 18:4
- ❖ Runs for his life

➔ MEN FALL WHEN WE RUN FROM WHAT WE MUST FACE

Look at how Jesus faced the Cross – Hebrews 12:2

THE JUNIPER TREE (vs. 4-8)

- ❖ Provides him shade and thought to protect from venomous snakes
- ❖ REQUESTS TO DIE
 - Prayed for rain to stop rain-it stopped; prayed to start raining – it rained; and now to die – God says no!

➔ WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL THAT GOD HIMSELF CANCELED OUR FOOLISH WORDS

- ❖ Angel meets him there and strengthens him for the journey ahead...
(vs. 7-8)
2 Tim. 4:17; Psalm 138:3; 1 Tim. 1:12; 1 Pet. 5:10

THE CAVE (vs. 8)

- ❖ Journey takes him 40 days/nights to Mt Horeb (Sinai) but only needed about 10 days...

WHY ARE YOU HERE? (VS. 9)

- ❖ God is asking us the same question in areas of our lives. Why are we here?
- ❖ Elijah's answer indicates some of his issues, he is bitter, frustrated and alone

GOD'S CALLING WHILE YOU ARE DOWN (Vs. 11-15)

- ❖ God does not have a pity party with him but gives him direction
 - **Not in wind, not in earthquake, not in the fire**
 - **NOT IN THE DRAMATIC BUT IN THE STILLNESS**

➔ WE TO BE MORE SENSITIVE TO HIS VOICE INSTEAD OF HIS WORKS

Zec 4:6 KJV Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

SOME THOUGHTS ON GETTING UP

- ❖ You may have to go through but you don't have to park in what is supposed to be a through experience – Psalm 23:4
- ❖ Deal with it – Hebrews 12:2
- ❖ Get Up!