

## Words of Encouragement by Kayla Reay

There's so much in the life of Elijah that has made him one of my absolute favourite historical characters. Filled with faith, courage and



boldness, his story is one I love to go back to; but, 1 Kings chapter 19 is probably my favourite chapter of his life. A beautiful picture of God's love to His children. It opens us up to the story of Elijah after Mount Carmel, where God manifested His power for his servant and the people of Israel. Elijah expected great things to follow this demonstration, a great reformation, a turning away from evil and a return to God. He expected immediate results. Instead, he heard news that Jezebel was seeking his life. At this point, Elijah, a man of so much courage does something we weren't ready for, we see him take a turn we wouldn't have expected. He runs.

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We see this man of God, who stood atop the mountain amongst over 400 prophets of Baal and all of Israel and alone professed God to the people. A man who, after this, went and prayed seven times unflinchingly that the rain would come after the three-year drought.

He saw "a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand" and knew, that was enough, that was the answer to his prayer. We see this man of incredible faith, lose his hold on God. Depression had overcome him and, at this point, Elijah would have preferred death over life. The Bible says that he "prayed that he might die, and said, 'it is enough, take my life...'" (1 Kings 19:4). He felt as though God had left him. There are so many ways God could have dealt with Elijah during this time. He could have given him a heavy rebuke. He could have said, "I'm done with you. I showed you my power and strength and you still failed me. I'm going to go find someone who will do my work." He could have left him to his depression.

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## Prayer

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Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend. Not that it is necessary in order to make known to God what we are, but in order to enable us to receive Him. Prayer does not bring God down to us, but brings us up to Him. SC 93.2

- Pray for the Covid restrictions to be lifted so we can have another Music Camp soon.
- Prayer for more opportunities to share Jesus.
- Pray for all past Music Camp disciples, that the Lord will
- hedge them about and strengthen them to keep faithful in these
- last treacherous days.
- Pray for the Eastward team's outreach and the preparations
- for the next music camp
- Please pray for the souls who have received the books distributed over the years that they being reading them and find the PEACE above the storm of life.

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But God chose a different method. While Elijah slept underneath the juniper tree, an angel came to him twice to give him food and drink for "the journey is too great" for him. Already this tells us something beautiful about God's character. In the time of discouragement and sadness, God loves us enough that He will send His angels to come and minister to us, to encourage us on our journey. But this is the interesting part. Elijah wasn't planning to head back to stand in the name of God, he wasn't planning to do His will. Elijah's plan was to continue running from God. And yet, God still helped him in his plans. What tender love and patience we can find in our Father in Heaven! While Elijah was lodged at Horeb, God came to speak to him. During Elijah's greatest discouragement, while he only saw a miserable end, God never left him. He came to Elijah, and instead of offering a stern rebuke, He asks a simple question, "what are you doing here?"A simple question, but so filled with meaning. God never called Elijah to run, yet despite him letting go of his trust and hold on God, he was never cast aside, or left in his despair. God never forsook him, he patiently waited and watched, protecting him from his own mistake. And, when He saw that Elijah was ready to hear Him, He called out to Him.

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Come on ! share a testimony ...tell us what God has done for you.

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you feeling discouraged Are or .... depressed? Are you where He's been calling you? Are you feeling like you've lost your hold on God? Fear not, for He hasn't lost His hold on you. He's sending His heavenly angels to minister to you in your time of greatest need. He's calling you today, tenderly but surely."Why are you here? I didn't call you here, but I'm not giving up on you because you are. Come back. I still have a work for you, just come back."Will you answer His call today? Do you want to know the beautiful ending to Elijah's story? He went back, he followed God's leading, and Israel eventually reformed just as God had promised. And Elijah, the man who lost his hold on God and ran away... God sent down a fiery chariot to take him home. He never tasted death. "He shall call upon Me, and I will answer Him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honour him." Psalm 91:15

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Jesus says: "Behold, I come quickly." We should keep these words ever in mind, and act as though we do indeed believe that the coming of the Lord is nigh, and that we are pilgrims and strangers upon the earth.

We have great victories to gain, and a heaven to lose if we do not gain them. The carnal heart must be crucified; for its tendency is to moral corruption, and the end thereof is death.... Pray that the mighty energies of the Holy Spirit ... may fall like an electric shock on the palsy-stricken soul, causing every nerve to thrill with new life, restoring the whole man from his dead, earthly, sensual state to spiritual soundness.

You will thus become partakers of the divine nature, ... and in your souls will be reflected the image of Him by whose stripes you are healed. . Mar 75.1-Mar 75.6



The servants of Christ were to prepare no set speech to present when brought to trial. Their preparation was to be made day by day in treasuring up the precious truths of God's Word, and through prayer strengthening their faith. ML 45.3





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## *Continuing Campfire Sharing with Paris*

Before Music Camp I wasn't really strong in my walk with God and I had a lot of doubts.

I would attend church but I had a lot of questions, yet I had no desire to ask them. But when I arrived at Music Camp I found those questions reappearing in my mind but I brushed them off.

I thank God that I got to hear Bruce and his talks because I found that almost all my questions were being answered, and almost all my doubts had disappeared. After Music Camp I found myself bringing up God in a lot of conversations, and when I was asked questions I was able to answer without any hesitation. It's amazing how God works and how He can answer your prayers and questions in many ways. God is good.

-Paris Taylor