

Pastor's Pen

From Victory To Fear!

"And he was afraid and arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba," 1 Kings 19:3

Paul in Romans 8:1 tells us, ***"there is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus."*** How can we who belong to Christ ever be afraid? We know that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord (2 Cor. 5:8). Paul concludes Romans 8 with the promise that nothing can separate us from the love of God (Rom. 8:37-39). Yet, there are times in every Christian's life when we may feel like the Prophet Elijah.

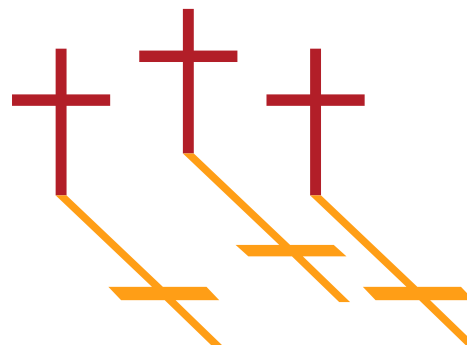
Elijah had just come off a spiritual high. He had seen God show the people of Israel that He was the one true God. One man, Elijah, against the 400 prophets of Baal. These prophets of Baal were Israelites who abandoned the worship of Yahweh. Ahab was the king of the northern kingdom of Israel. He was influenced by his wife Jezebel, a Phoenician princess, who promoted the worship of Baal. God proved to everyone that Baal was not a god at all, but a made-up god of stone and wood.

God had sent a drought upon the nation for their worship of Baal, and after Elijah's defeat of the false god's prophet, God allowed the rain to return. Yet, with all of this evidence that God was in complete control, Elijah becomes afraid of one woman, Jezebel. He even ask God to kill him, ***"But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree; and he asked for himself that he might die, and said, 'It is enough; now, O Yahweh, take my life, for I am not better than my fathers.'"*** (1 Kings 19:4) He feels alone, overwhelmed, and discouraged.

There is a lesson here for all of us. How do you go from calling down fire to crying under a tree? The truth is, emotional crashes often follow spiritual highs. Elijah wasn't weak in faith; he was worn out, afraid, and alone. How did God respond? With compassion: He sent an angel to give Elijah food and rest. He spoke, not through wind, earthquake, or fire — but in a gentle whisper.

He reminded Elijah that he wasn't alone. And He gave him a new assignment — proof that Elijah's story wasn't over. You might be there now — tired, afraid, feeling alone, even after a spiritual breakthrough. Remember this: God sees your weariness. He doesn't push you away for feeling afraid. He meets you with grace, not judgment, and He still has a purpose for you. You are not forgotten, and you are not finished.

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark



Quote of the Week

"There is neither in heaven nor earth nor hell anything that we need fear when we are once right with God"
- Charles Spurgeon

Grace Gems

We need internal illumination! (Archibald Alexander, 1772-1851)

"When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth." (John 16:13)

A genuine Christian is not only taught out of the Word, but by the Holy Spirit. External teaching, however correct, is not sufficient. We need internal illumination by the Spirit. Not that this divine Instructor teaches anything different from the Word. No! He takes of the things of Christ and shows them unto us. He is the Spirit of truth, and will guide the disciples into all truth.

What are some of the lessons which the Spirit teaches?

1. The Spirit teaches us the worth of the soul.
2. The Spirit teaches us the value of time.
3. The Spirit teaches us to venerate the holy Scriptures as the infallible rule to guide our faith and practice.
4. The Spirit teaches us of our ruined and condemned state. He gives the soul a glimpse of indwelling sin - by which it is convinced of its total depravity. Oh, what a multitude of evils! What a fountain of impurity! What a mass of corruption! The heart is found to be deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. There is found nothing in it truly good.
5. The Spirit teaches us to prize Christ above all. ***"To you who believe - He is precious."*** The disciple treasures Jesus as . . .
his infallible Prophet,
his sovereign King,
his sin-atoning Priest.
6. The Spirit teaches us to roll all our burdens on the Lord, and to live outside of ourselves - by daily desiring vital supplies from Christ.
7. The Spirit teaches us the beauty of holiness.
8. The Spirit teaches us the reality and sweetness of communion with God. While many are contented to worship in the outward court - the Christian desires to penetrate into the holy of holies, where he can hear the words, and see the resplendent face of Immanuel.

Weekly Gatherings

Bible Classes

Old & New Testament Classes
Ladies Class
Young Adults Young Parents
Youth Surge
Sunday Morning @ 9:00AM

Weekday Meetings

Family Groups

All Family Groups on hiatus until September

Build the Body Teams

If you would like to serve on a BtB Team and need to sign up, please contact the team leader at the appropriate email address on the back of this bulletin.

Youth Study

Wednesdays @6:30PM
Youth Study & Surge!

Service Times

Sunday School 9:00AM
Children's Church 10:30AM
Sunday Services 10:30AM

Giving from service on 05/18/2025

General Offering	\$7,917.78
Building Fund	\$881.63
Uganda	\$215.00
Benevolence	\$50.00
G3	25.00

Total.....\$9,089.41
Attendance 224

Build the Body Ministries

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