

Wrestling With God - Elijah

Weekend Discussion Questions

July 11-12, 2015

Community:

1. Can you share a time where you wrestled with God the most?
2. Are you wrestling with God over something in life right now? Are you willing to share it?

Core:

Take time to read 1 Kings 17-19 out loud to yourself or as a group.

1. What part of Elijah's story speaks to you the most and why? To whom do you relate the most?
2. Scott said that Elijah was from a tiny, relatively unknown part of Israel. Why do you think God chose him? What does this say about what God may be calling you to do?
3. In 1 Kings 19, we read about Elijah running away from the place to which God had called him. Even though Elijah ran in fear, God still provided. Have you ever experienced this—where God provided even though you were running away from Him?
4. God appeared to Elijah, but it wasn't in the windstorm or the earthquake. It was in the gentle whisper. How are you, maybe, expecting God in big, amazing ways...and missing Him in the quiet? What needs to change in your life in order to hear God better?
5. Read this quote Scott read from the weekend:
*"Some guys spend their whole lives trying to impress God, as if he'd love them more if they performed like circus monkeys. But God's love for us is unconditional. He loves you whether or not you choose to serve him. Submission self-selects a man for adventurous missions in his service, but it does not make God love him anymore. He loves you when you fail. He loves you when you succeed. God will accomplish his will with or without you. In his amazing love he wants you to join in his purpose, but **God does not need a man like you. You need a God like Him.**"* (Chuck Holten "Making Men: 5 Steps to Growing Up")

What do you think that last line means? How have you thought that God needed someone like you before?

Challenge:

One of the big takeaways from the weekend was understanding you need a friend (like Elisha was to Elijah). If you don't have that friend, take some intentional time this week to pray and ask God for the wisdom, discernment and direction in finding that friend.

