



I Can Barely Hear You (Elijah)

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1. God's showdown with Baal

- God's power is revealed
- Elijah runs in fear
- God protects Elijah

¹ When Ahab got home, he told Jezebel everything Elijah had done, including the way he had killed all the prophets of Baal. ² So Jezebel sent this message to Elijah: "May the gods strike me and even kill me if by this time tomorrow I have not killed you just as you killed them." ³ Elijah was afraid and fled for his life. **1 Kings 19:1-3 NLT**

2. God's encounter with Elijah

- Elijah's faith is shaky
- God's power in a whisper
- Elijah thought that quiet = no God
- Elijah's faith is restored

⁹ ...The LORD said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁰ Elijah replied, "I have zealously served the LORD God Almighty. But the people of Israel have broken their covenant with you, torn down your altars, and killed every one of your prophets. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too." **1 Kings 19:9-10 NLT**

¹¹ "Go out and stand before me on the mountain," the LORD told him. And as Elijah stood there, the LORD passed by, and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain. It was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² And after the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And a voice said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He replied again, "I have zealously served the LORD God Almighty. But the people of Israel have broken their covenant with you, torn down your altars, and killed every one of your prophets. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too."

1 Kings 19:11-14 NLT

¹⁸ Yet I will preserve 7,000 others in Israel who have never bowed down to Baal or kissed him!" **1 Kings 19:18 NLT**

Next Steps:

- Read 1 Kings 19:1-18 this week
- Spend time listening in my daily prayers this week
- Confess my fears that shake my faith and ask God for help: _____
- Commit to renew my faith in God and trust in his presence and power even when it is quiet
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