

**THE WEEK OF  
March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**



**Jesus Vs. Crippling Fear  
Part 2  
1 Kings 18-19**

Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

*1 Kings 19:13*

This week, as we continue our 4-part devotional study "Jesus vs. Crippling Fear", we find a familiar prophet, revealing for us a familiar fear. The story begins in 1 Kings 18 where we find Elijah, in all his glory, confronting the prophets of Baal and Asherah. Its an amazing display of Elijah's courage and trust in God's ability. And, of course, God is faithful to Elijah and to His name - the 450 prophets of Baal are slaughtered, Israel repents, and the drought is ended. Now what?

Unfortunately, the next chapter presents a picture of Elijah that is not so flattering, but for us should bring great encouragement. Elijah gets word that Jezebel, the wicked king's wife, wants him dead, and he flees for his life. The man that stood so strong for The Lord is now afraid.

How easily this can happens to us. After serving the Lord and trusting Him so easily during certain times in our lives, we can quickly doubt His faithfulness in other areas and run scared. Our enemy would like to see us doubt and stray from the true living God. Thoughts of inadequacy and failure start to lurk in our mind. We may begin to doubt our qualifications and experience. When all along the truth is that none of us are really adequate in ourselves in the first place.

Whatever God has called you to do, don't give up on it. See it through. God knows your heart, and He will speak to you, not necessarily in a great sign, but sometimes in the simple, small voice of His word.

**Read the Proverb and the section of Psalm 119 that corresponds with the calendar day *example:***  
*If it's the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month, read Proverbs 1 and Psalm 119:1-8 (Aleph)*

Mon: Do Not Worry: Matthew 6:25-34  
Tue: Trust in the Lord: Proverbs 3:5-6  
Wed: Remain in prayer: Philippians 4:6-7  
Thu: God, our refuge: Psalm 46  
Fri: No fear in love: 1 John 4:18

### **Discussion Questions for Bible Café:**

1. Have you ever dealt with fear that was irrational like Elijah; where after being fearless faced with the prophets of Baal, he ran for his life from one woman?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What is at the root of your fear? Is there any lies that you have believed about yourself or God? What can you do to overcome your fear(s)?

**Prayer Requests of your Bible Café brothers (on back):**