

**Dig Deeper @Home – “His Story in History”
Complement to sermon on June 18, 2017 – “Supernatural Promotion”**

MEMORIZE – 1st Kings 11:38

And if you will listen to all that I command you, and will walk in my ways, and do what is right in my eyes by keeping my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did, I will be with you and will build you a sure house, as I built for David, and I will give Israel to you.”

READ 1st Kings 19

Questions to ponder/discuss:

- 1) What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?

- 2) If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?

- 3) In 1 Kings 19:19-21, Elijah anoints Elisha as his successor. Initially what is Elisha’s response to Elijah and this calling? What does Elisha do to finally show that he is fully committed to following God’s call to be God’s prophet?

- 4) Look up these other references to Elijah in the New Testament.
 - a. Luke 9:28-36. What are Elijah and Moses talking to Jesus about on the mountain of Transfiguration? What do they say about the significance of Elijah in relation to Jesus?

 - b. Romans 11:2-6. What does Paul say about Elijah and his work as a prophet of God? What word does Paul use to describe what God was doing in raising up a “remnant”?

 - c. James 5:17-18. What does James commend Elijah for? What encouragement can we gain from these verses as we pray?

 - d. Matthew 16:13-18 – What was the popular belief among some of the Jews about Elijah in relation to the “Son of Man”? What is Peter’s response to Jesus’s question about who others said Jesus was? How would you answer Jesus’s question?

Bottom Line – Summarize 1st Kings 19 in your own words



Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The one below is a suggestion for how to experience the truths of 1st Kings 19

Phone Call from the Lord

You will need two plastic cups, two to three feet of string, scissors, and markers. This is an old craft done for many years but can still teach us about communication and how the Lord wants to speak to us. Give each person two plastic cups and one piece of string two to three feet long. With the scissors, poke a small hole in the bottom of both cups. Push one end of the string into the hole in the cup from the bottom. Tie a knot into the end of the string. The knot end should be inside of the cup. Do the same with the second cup. Allow the children to decorate their telephones with stickers or markers. When done with the craft split into pairs. Have one person hold one end of a phone and the other person hold the other end of the phone. The string should be pulled taut, but not hard. Have one person speak into a cup while the other person places their cup to their ear. They should be able to hear the talking because of the vibration of the sound waves over the string. Allow the members of the group to take turns. Explain to the group that it is important for us to listen for the Lord's voice.

Read 1 Kings 19:12 - *but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.*

SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

I will follow – by Chris Tomlin www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ODE4sGCKxc

This song of worship invites us to trust and follow the Lord as he calls us. Let this song be your commitment to giving yourself fully to serve and follow Jesus.

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind– Mennonite Hymnal #274

The hymn writer takes some of the 1 Kings 19 text and puts the words to music in a powerful prayer of commitment.

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

As you go, may God give you a pure and holy passion to know Him and to follow Him alone. May the Holy Spirit fill you with wisdom and courage to trust Him and walk fully by His word and His ways at all times.