

## GOD WANTS TO SPEAK TO YOU.

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### James 5:17-18-AMP

17 Elijah was a human being with a nature such as we have [*with feelings, affections, and a constitution like ours*]; and he prayed earnestly for it not to rain, and no rain fell on the earth for three years and six months. [1Ki 17:1]

18 And [*then*] he prayed again, and the heavens supplied rain and the land produced its crops [*as usual*]. [1Ki 18:42-45]

Elijah brought glory to God by his obedience, his dependence upon God and his willingness to lose his life for God's sake.

The five-fold temptations common to crisis: Depression, Despair, Resignation, Failure, Inferiority.

The day after the battle is more important than the day before.

If Satan cannot gain an advantage by temptation, he will try to defeat by accusation. When Satan cannot overtake by temptation or accusation, he tries intimidation.

### 1Kings 19:4-AMP

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a lone broom *or* juniper tree and asked that he might die. He said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am no better than my fathers.

God did not give up on Elijah even when Elijah wanted to give up on himself.

God is faithful to His Word, to His character, to us.

God rested him. God fed him. God gave him quietness.

### Matthew 14:23-Passion

After the crowds dispersed, Jesus went up into the hills to pray. And as night fell, he was there praying alone with God.

### Mark 6:31-32-AMP

31b...So Jesus said to his disciples, "Come, let's take a break and find a secluded place where you can rest a while."

32 They slipped away and left by sailboat for a deserted spot.

### 1 Kings 19:5-8-AMP

As he lay asleep under the broom *or* juniper tree, behold, an angel touched him and said to him, Arise and eat.

He looked, and behold, there was a cake baked on the coals, and a bottle of water at his head. And he ate and drank and lay down again.

The angel of the Lord came the second time and touched him and said, Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.

So, he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

### 1Kings 19:11-13-AMP

11 And He said, Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord. And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake;

12 And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire [a sound of gentle stillness and] a still, small voice.

13 When Elijah heard the voice, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, What are you doing here, Elijah?

The basic art of communication is the ability to hear.

The path to deliverance starts when God reaches out to us and continues when we obey Him.

God's power is released in our lives to the degree of our obedience and no more.

To change your emotions, change your actions.

Love is the desire to benefit others even at the expense of self because love desires to give. Love centers in the will, not the emotions.

Rejection caused dejection (depression, disappointment).