
SERMON OUTLINE

Isolated Believers

1 Kings 19

Part 6 – Connected to God... and God's people

Point: Reconnecting with God means reconnecting with believers.

I. Running: Focused on Self – Avoiding people (19:1-4)

- A. Those who have served God well can become discouraged and isolated (1 Kings 17-18).
- B. Isolation results from fears, exhaustion, etc. (19:1-3a).
- C. Running from people exposes our true needs (3b-5).

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>I've had enough</i> – Angry – Physical exhaustion• <i>I want to die</i> – Depressed – Emotional emptiness• <i>I'm no good at this</i> – Irrational – Spiritual self-doubt |
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II. Stopping: Focused on God – Rediscovering His presence (19:5-14)

- A. God reaches out with grace in our isolation (5-10).
 - God has rest, provision and patience as we hide.
 - God's question to me – Why am I isolated?
- B. God assures of His presence in our isolation (11-14)
 - Wind, Earthquake, Fire – Not God, just his power
 - Quiet voice – Need God's presence not just power

III. Returning – Focused on servicing God connected with others (19:15-21)

- A. God instructs Elijah with action steps (15-17)
 - Go back – You can't stay in seclusion/isolation.
 - Get busy – You must get back into serving.
- B. God corrects Elijah's belief that he was alone (18-21)
 - You actually are one of 7000 believers.
 - Start training and serving with Elisha.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Emotional emptiness</i> – Invest time with godly people.• <i>Exhaustion</i> – Ask others to help and let them.• <i>Spiritual self-doubt</i> – Recognize God's presence and true call, then accept my limits and join with other's strengths. |
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