

God's grace in our despair

1 Kings 19:1-9 (Elijah's flight – part 1)

- I. Our enemy – Jezebel vowed to kill Elijah when she lost the confrontation at Mt. Carmel (9:1-2).
 - Spiritual victories enrage Satan and his allies against those who serve the Lord.

- II. Our feelings – Elijah fled toward the wilderness when threatened (9:3-4).
 - A. The lie of **fear** – I'm going to die. (Assuming my security is dependent on me instead of God)

 - B. The lie of **despair** – I want to die. (Seeking to escape pain instead of facing it with God)

 - C. The lie of **failure** – I'm no good at what you want God (Thinking I'm responsible for the sins of others or the success of what God calls me to do)

- III. God's grace – God showed Elijah patient grace when he despaired (9:5-9).
 - A. God met Elijah's physical needs without rebuking him for his spiritual needs (5-9a).
 - Elijah slept (5a).
 - An angel brought food and water (5b-6).
 - An angel brought more food for travel (7-9a).

 - B. God made Elijah start facing his feelings (9b).