



Sermon Discussion Questions

Sermon Series: Elijah: A Man Just Like Us (Part 5)
"God Cares for the Whole Person"

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Opener:

Have you ever had a "quarter-life" crises or a "mid-life" or "three-quarter life" crisis? Or have you seen a family member or someone close go through one? What was your experience?

Questions:

1. Had Jezebel been on Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18:20-29), would she be invoking her Gods in this way (19:1-2)?
2. Why do you think Elijah is afraid all of a sudden (v 3)? Exhausted? Alone? Let down or doubtful in his faith?
3. What is significant about the forty days and forty nights and Mount Horeb (v 8)? For what does Elijah hope [see Exodus 3:1-2 and Deuteronomy 4:10-14]?
4. What is the point of God's three "false starts" (vv 11-12)? How does Elijah's encounter differ from Moses' [see Exodus 19:9,16-19]?
5. What is God's message when he finally does speak to Elijah?
6. Compare verses 13-14 to 9-10 in context: What does Elijah's unchanged answer imply to you?

Application:

7. Has God ever revealed himself in some spectacular way to you? In some "small" way? How so?
8. When is a time you felt you could not go any further? What got you so discouraged? What got you going again?

Take a moment to pray together, in silence or aloud, that God would supply you with insight for wherever you are on your faith journey, both as individuals and as a discipleship group.

*These questions were put together using the *Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).