

Title: "The Faithful" (8/28/19)

Text: (1 Kings 19:1-21)

"Remnant" - Left overs, or those that remain.

Those who were left in the land when everyone else was dispersed by the Babylonian conquest. (Neh 1:3)

"Remnant"- A Prophetic group of Jews that has a special significance in the prophecies of Isaiah, as denoting "a holy seed," or spiritual kernel, of the nation which should survive impending judgment and become the germ of the people of God, being blessed of God and made a blessing that will survive the Great Tribulation, Turn to the Lord, & Enjoy the Promises of God & Inhabit the Land of Israel in Peace. (Is 10:20-22)

Remnant means, the Residue; that which is left after the separation, removal or destruction of a part.

At the Time of Paul's writing of Romans: (Rom 11:5)
There was a small portion of Israel that has left the dead formalism and Ritualism of Judaism and has embraced the Messiah and were saved by Grace through Faith.

There Family & Friends, continuing in their dead religion while they, the remnant sought after God through Faith.

Elijah is about to Learn, that there will always be a group of believers who remain Faithful to God.

(1 Kings 19:1-2)

Elijah just came from a great victory.

He had successfully faced his opposition & won day.

Elijah prayed & called down fire from heaven.

Killed 450 prophets of Baal.

Elijah prayed for Rain, and God answered.

God empowered Elijah, & he did great feats of physical strength. (He outran Ahab's Chariot.)

Satan will always attack you after a victory. (1 Cor 10:12)

Satan's favorite trick is to trip you when you feel invincible. (Prov 16:18)

Great Victories are not an insulator from Satanic Attacks that we see as problems.

This is why Elijah Ran.

He was disillusioned about the Christian Life.

Elijah thought this major victory should have been the watershed moment that solidified his life of prominence & peace.

(1 Kings 19:3-4)

Christians Get Depressed.

Christians can have chemical imbalance - Not Elijah's case.

Elijah got his eyes off of God.

Elijah did not respond in faith when facing opposition.

God intervenes to realign Elijah's thinking. (1 Ki 19:5-8)

Every Christian needs God to Realign our thinking:

Elijah's spiritual breakthrough would require him to take a spiritual Journey.

Elijah was given Grace to go 40 days & 40 nights w/o food.

Our spiritual breakthroughs will require us to take a spiritual Journey.

God will give us Grace to go through our spiritual journey.

Elijah had to go through the Journey to be useable.

(Job 23:10)

Gold & Silver has to be purified.

Copper has to be smelted.

Steel has to be heated & hammered Repeatedly to be strong.

You are going to have to go through some things to be useable material.

It may will take weeks, months, or even years to arrive at a place where your ready to receive God's life altering truth.

(1 Kings 19:9a)

Why the Cave?

What was so special about the cave? Nothing.

God could have spoken to Elijah anywhere.

D.L. Moody was walking down the streets of Chicago IL. when he power of the Holy Spirit overtook him.

Why the Cave?

Elijah needed the Journey to see God working in him personally as an individual believer.

Elijah needed the Journey to make him Ready to Receive God's Life Altering Truth!

(1 Kings 19:9b)

God was saying, "*Why do you think you are here?*"

"Why do you think you are having this difficulty Elijah?"

(1 Kings 19:10)

Elijah was having a pity party.

Elijah blamed others.

God Realigns Elijah Thinking: (1 Kings 19:11-12a)

Elijah stood resolute in the face of these miracles.

Elijah had seen & done miracles before.

Elijah faith is God's power was NOT the Problem.

The heart of the problem was the condition of Elijah's heart: (1 Kings 19:12b-14)

"Things are not going the way I think they should go."

Why do you think you are having difficulty in life?

Are YOU was having a pity party?

Are YOU blaming others?

(1 Pet 4:12)

Raw Materials have to be prepared for use.

No one is ready for service immediately upon conversion.

Everyone has to be prepared for use.

You are going to have to go through some things to be conformed to the Image of Christ. (Rom 8:28-29)

What is the Condition of your heart?

For the Journey to Work, your heart has to be Right.

(1 Jn 1:9)

It is a process of growth, it will teach us patience.

It is us learning to be faithful through the process to grow.

God's Promised result of your journey is Joy: (1 Pet 4:13)
God's Promised result of your journey is You will be filled with the Holy Spirit: (1 Pet 4:14a)

God's Promised result of your journey is God will be glorified: (1 Pet 4:14b)

God's Promised result of your journey is you are Ready to be Faithful in Service to God: (1 Kings 19:15-17)

The Condition of Elijah's heart had made him unusable:

Elijah had lost his joy.

Elijah was focussing on his circumstances rather than the God who allowed it.

Elijah sank into Depression, Defeatism, and Self Pity.

Elijah had stopped being faithful.

(1 Kings 19:18)

Elijah just Learned, that there was a group of believers who remained Faithful to God.

The Faithful are Faithful: The Faithful don't quit.

There will always be a small group of Faithful Christians:

(Rev 3:4)

There will always be a price the Faithful has to pay:

(Rev 2:10)

The Faithful makes the difference between success & failure.

(Rev 2:26-28)

If the Faithful quits, Then God quits.

(Rev 2:5) (Rev 3:20)

The Faithful must NOT Focus on WHO is not doing, but on what must be done. (Jn 21:20-22)

The Faithful knows what God wants done: (Jn 15:14-17)

The Faithful Obeys and leads those who disobey.

(2 Tim 2:24-26)

The Faithful are Faithful: Even when things get difficult.

(1 Kings 19:18)

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(Rom 11:4-5)

The "Faithful" will always be smaller in number than the total number of all believers.

There are always more "Faithful" than the "Faithful" Realize:

The Question is, will you be one of them?

Will your heart be right and ready for the journey to be effective?