

SERIES: Unfinished: Elijah, Gideon, Naomi, and the Faithfulness of God

WEEK 1: When You're Ready to Give Up

TEXT: 1 Kings 19:1–21 (ESV)

Big Idea: When exhaustion and discouragement convince us there's nothing left, God may still have more for us than we can see.

1. EXHAUSTION CAN CHANGE THE WAY WE SEE THINGS

"But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, 'It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.'"

1 Kings 19:4 (ESV)

"Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.'" **1 Kings 19:2 (ESV)**

"And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, 'Arise and eat.' And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, 'Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.' And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God." **1 Kings 19:5–8 (ESV)**

"The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath." **Mark 2:27 (ESV)**

"Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while."

Mark 6:31 (ESV)

2. GOD SEES WHAT WE CANNOT SEE

"He said, 'I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.'" **1 Kings 19:10 (ESV)**

"...the sound of a low whisper." **1 Kings 19:12 (ESV)**

3. GOD STILL HAS A PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE

"And the LORD said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place.'" — **1 Kings 19:15–16 (ESV)**

CONCLUSION

"...he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." **Philippians 1:6 (ESV)**