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YOUR SMALL GROUP, FAMILY, OR IN YOUR PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY TIME.

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Memory Verse: Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)

¹⁰ Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand."

Reread 1 Kings 19:1-18

- Have you ever felt so discouraged that you wanted to give up on a task, job, or something God called you to do?
- What did you do?

1 Kings 19: 9 says, "The LORD Appears to Elijah and the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"" Have you ever asked yourself--What am I doing here? "How did I get here? Together, we will Go Deeper and explore what led to Elijah becoming discouraged.

Read 1 Kings 18:16-45

- After reading this passage, why do you think Elijah wanted to give up?
- When you want (wanted) to give up, is it because you feel (felt) alone?
- After everything Elijah went through with God protecting him and being by his side--why didn't Elijah trust God to protect him from Jezebel?
- When we look at everything good in our life, what keeps us from fully trusting God to protect us?
- What was God's response to Elijah's prayer to "Take my life"?

1 Kings 19:7-8

^{"7} The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." ⁸ So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. "

God knew Elijah needed food, rest, and to see he was not alone. God provided these things to Elijah. This renewed his faith, physical strength, and spiritual strength.

• How did God provide the things you needed when you felt discouraged?

When we surrender to God and know He is with us and provides everything we need-- we can do so much more than we could ever imagine. Read about what happened next for Elijah once he fully trusted God and was willing to do WHATEVER God instructed him to do.

- 1 Kings 21: 17-28
- 1 Kings 22: 34-39
- 1 Kings 22: 51-53
- 2 Kings 1: 1-18
- 2 Kings 2: 1-13

God had amazing things planned for Elijah. If Elijah gave up when things were hard and he was tired, he never would have experienced the great things God was able to accomplish through him. If we give up and say "*whatever*" and don't trust God, we won't get very far. However, if we fully trust God and say "I will do WHATEVER" the possibilities are endless.

Are you willing to do WHATEVER it takes and WHATEVER God asks?