## **God's Gentle Whisper**

1 Kings 18:20 – 19:18

Elijah was fresh off his spectacular victory over the 450 prophets of Baal. Through him, God had proven again that He is the one true God, the one who answers by fire. But when wicked Queen Jezebel heard what had happened, she swore that she would kill Elijah, and he ran for his life. He fled into the wilderness, where God ministered to him with food and rest. Then on the strength of that food, Elijah traveled for forty days to Mt. Sinai, "the mountain of God". Elijah was weary, discouraged, and hungry to encounter God. So God told him, ""Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord." And behold, the Lord was passing by! (1 Kings 19:11, NASB) Then came a mighty wind that tore the mountain and broke the rocks, but God was not in the wind. Then an earthquake, but God was not in the earthquake. Next, a fire, but God was not in the fire. Finally, Elijah heard a gentle whisper. He immediately recognized the presence of God. So he wrapped his face in his cloak and stood in the entrance of his cave, ready for the encounter he had long sought.

Sometimes God reveals Himself most

unmistakably and beautifully, not with overt displays of power and emotion, but with the gentle whisper of His intimate presence.

## Hymn: Just You

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