

Looking for the Light  
1 Kings 19:1-9  
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Thesis: I want to show how the struggles of strong Bible characters can help us today.

- Intro: 1. Difficult times come to us all.  
2. How must we respond?

I. Examples of Navigating Dark times

A. Moses

1. Moses waves the white flag (**Numbers 11:10-15**)
2. Moses was worried about the people but he also needed help and up to this point, there was no help from them.
3. Stress of a job drove Moses to want out.

B. Job

1. Job's hurt drove him to difficult & dark times.
  - a. Many of us have lost loved ones and maybe even homes but I know of no one who lost so many loved ones, their jobs and have health issues come upon them all so very quickly like Job did.
    - i. Notice how quickly things happened and how many things happened just in chapter 1.
2. Job's pain caused him to act in ways that were unlike his normal character. (**Job 3:11**)
  - a. Job's pain drove him to say things that were not in his usual character, we know this as Job later say "I abhor myself" that is to say he was disgusted with himself (**Job 42:6**)

C. Elijah

1. What are you doing here? (**1 Kings 19:9**)
  - a. Elijah's reply, despite his best efforts things are spinning out of control (**1 Kings 19:10**)

II. Navigating storms today.

A. Difficult times come to everyone.

1. Bad times, difficult times comes to strong dedicated people too.
2. **Job 2:10b** – we must accept the good AND the bad.

B. Giving up should never be an option.

1. **What if a Christian was to forfeit?**
  - a. Salvation is lost, repentance is lost, Heaven is lost
2. **What is gained?**
  - a. Temporary pleasures
  - b. Sin which will only result in punishment from God.

III. Lessons for us today.

A. God says you are not alone.

1. God is with us because he wants us to remain faithful and gain the ultimate victory.
2. We would do well to remember the words of **Psalms 18:2-3**

B. God says the faithful will overcome the wicked one.

1. Moses received help (**Num 11:16-17**)
2. God spoke directly to Job, Job repented, & God blessed him (Job 38-42)
3. Elijah was reminded there were still faithful servants of God just like him (**1 Kings 19:15-18**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. Not relying on God causes fear and loss of perspective.
2. God has solutions before we know we have a problem.
3. We cannot be affective Christians if we go into hiding (**1 Kings 19:9**)
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9