

WHEN YOUR FAITH TAKES A HIT

(Psalm 11:3 NKJ) If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?

EVERYONE DEALS WITH TRYING TIMES

❖ **Things that shake our foundations**

- ◆ Loss - of loved ones, relationships, jobs, health, material goods, etc...
- ◆ Unexpected events - things we never saw coming
- ◆ Attacks of the enemy - Jesus addressed Satan, specific references to him by every New Testament writer

SIGNS OF A STRUGGLE (1 Kings 19:3-8, 11-14 NKJ)

❖ **Elijah responded from a place of fear**

- ◆ He had been greatly provided for and protected by God

❖ **He isolated himself**

- ◆ He did not have to be alone but he made his servant stay behind

❖ **He spoke from a depleted place**

- ◆ He was tired and hungry
- ◆ He was depleted spiritually

❖ **He acted offended at God**

- ◆ The tone of self righteousness mixed with self pity which is one mucho bad concoction

KEEPING THE FAITH (1 Peter 1:6-7 NLT)

❖ **Operate from a place of strength**

- ◆ Elijah slept and ate
- ◆ Sometimes a good night's sleep will do wonders for your perspective
- ◆ You also have a supernatural food source

❖ **Get to a godly environment**

- ◆ Elijah left the wilderness and went to Horeb, the mountain of God
- ◆ Your devotional space - where you spend some time with God
- ◆ Your church, a place where God can speak to you

❖ **Look for God in the small things**

- ◆ Elijah saw the mighty wind, earthquake and fire but God was not in them
- ◆ The events that have taken place of recent are a reminder that we are living in the last days *(Luke 21:25-26 NLT)*
- ◆ Look for God in the whispers of your heart
- ◆ Elijah got back on track and finished his race - and so can you