

A NEW JOURNEY CALLS FOR:

1. An \_\_\_\_\_ assessment of \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 9, 10)

<b>ELIJAH'S PROBLEM</b>	He's trying to _____. (See Gen. 3:11; 1 John 1:8, 9)
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2. A fresh \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 11-12)

A. It's \_\_\_\_\_. (see Jer. 32:17)

B. It's \_\_\_\_\_. (see Isaiah 41:10)

3. A \_\_\_\_\_ understanding of God's \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 12-14)

<b>THE MAIN LESSON</b>	God doesn't always do things _____ and in the _____ I think he should. (see Isaiah 55:9)
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4. A new \_\_\_\_\_ in God's \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 15-18)

<b>THE POINT</b>	God's sovereign plan can't be _____ _____, even by the _____ of his people.
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**Getting to Know Each Other Better**

1. What would you say best characterizes where you are right now? Why?
  - a. "I need a vision for my life." (i.e. you've never really thought about the fact that God has a vision for your life.)
  - b. "I need a renewed vision for my life." (i.e. you had a vision but it has faded away due to some failure.)
  - c. "I need to recommit myself to the vision God has already given me." (i.e. you have a vision, you know what it is, but you've kind of forgotten about it and it's time to get back to it.)
  - d. "I am right where God wants me to be."

**Observing and Understanding God's Word  
 Please Read 1 Kings 19:1-8**

2. Why do you think Elijah found it so difficult to be honest with God? (What are common reasons why people try to hide their failure?) (19:9-10, 13-14. See also Genesis 3:11; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 7:11; Matthew 13:15)
3. How did God respond to Elijah's inability to see the truth about himself and be honest before God? What was God saying to Elijah through His two different responses? (19:11-13, 15-18)
4. Are you in any way surprised by the interchange in question 3 between God and His prophet? If so, how? If not, why not?

**Applying God's Word**

**Pick at least one and be prepared to discuss it**

5. How do you sense God is speaking to you through this text? Is He encouraging you? Rebuking you? Re-directing you? Etc. What is He saying to you? Be prepared to share this with your group.
6. What are some of your thoughts for moving forward if you answered 1.a, 1.b or 1.c above? What can you do to get back in the game? How can your group pray for you and encourage you?

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The Renewed Vision for Standing Alone  
1 Kings 19:9-18  
Pastor Dennis Keating

(Scripture references and fill-in the blank answers)

**A NEW JOURNEY CALLS FOR:**

1. An honest assessment of yourself.

**ELIJAH'S PROBLEM:** He's trying to hide his failure. (See Gen. 3:11; 1 John 1:8, 9)

"Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" Genesis 3:11

"If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:8-9

2. A fresh reminder of God's power.

A. It's immense. (see Jer. 32:17)

Ah Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You:" Jeremiah 32:17

B. It's personal. (see Isaiah 41:10)

"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

3. A flexible understanding of God's ways.

**THE MAIN LESSON:** God doesn't always do things the way and in the time frame I think he should. (see Isaiah 55:9)

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:9

4. A new mission in God's plan.

**THE POINT:** God's sovereign plan can't be completely thwarted, even by the sin of his people.