

From Sticks to Blossoms **(February 17, 2021 - Upper Room)**

Read: 1Kings 19:1-5

Elijah Flees to Horeb

19 Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.”

³ Elijah was afraid[Ⓜ] and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴ while he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. “I have had enough, LORD,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.” ⁵ Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, “Get up and eat.”

Psalm 33:20

²⁰ We wait in hope for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.

Read the February 17 installment in the Upper Room **Lesson background:** **based on the above scripture**

- Elijah revealed the falseness of the god Baal, and thus, enraged Jezebel
- Elijah was tired of running and fighting. He acted in fear instead of faith
- Elijah knew what wonderful things God had done for him in the past yet he let his fear of what Jezabel vowed to do to him to drive his actions.

Daily application from this lesson:

- When we are tired, things look much worse than when we are rested.
- **God** uses seasons of **waiting** to prepare **us** for what's coming, to draw **us** closer to Him, and to make sure His promises are fulfilled at the proper time
- Waiting can create space in your life to ponder what is important to you
- Remembering what God has done for you in the past will enable you to endure the waiting
- Expect an answer with eagerness and hope

Reflection:

1. When have you had to wait for something that, when it came to fruition, was worth the wait?
2. What Biblical characters had to wait? How do you imagine they felt in that waiting?
3. Who and what helps you endure times of waiting?
4. Why is it important to both remember what has passed and to anticipate what is to come?

Thought for the week:

Sometimes, God makes me wait...