Seeking Holy Ground in 2023: Redirection
1 Kings 19:8-13
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1 Kings 19: [8] So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. [9] There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" [10] He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." [11] The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. [12] After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. [13] When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" (NIV)

Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church and Community.

1. _____ of seeking holy ground

_____decisions: Elijah was overwhelmed with fear and ran frantically for his life. He continued south from Samaria to Beersheba where is left his servant who was his only companion!

1 Kings 19:3 (JOT)

_____ despair: He came to a lone broom bush and collapsed in its shade, wanting in the worst way to be done with it all—to just die: "Enough of this, GOD! Take my life—I'm ready to join my ancestors in the grave!"

1 Kings 19:4 (MSG)

2. _____ to a redirecting power

_____ a different diet: "Get up and eat some more, for there is a long journey ahead of you." So he got up and ate and drank, and the food gave him enough strength to travel forty days and forty nights to Mount Horeb….

1 Kings 19:7-8 (TLB)

_____condemnation: God ask Elijah, "Why has it come to this state of things?" He replied, "I have been working hard for you, Lord! Worse than that, look at for what everyone else has done! I am all alone and you are going to let them get me too!

1 Kings 19:10 (JOT)

_____ discernment: Then there was a powerful wind…but the Lord was not speaking through wind…there was an earthquake…there as a fire…then there was a gentle whisper of a refreshing and compelling air of change.

1 Kings 19:12 (JOT)

3. _____ in the best direction

Get the right c_____: You say, "I am rich and I don't need anything!" You do not know that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked! I advise you to let me redeem you and set you free….

Revelation 3:17-18a (JOT)

Spiritual Action Step:

In what direction is Christ leading you? Are you making decisions to go deeper into wilderness of despair? God wants you to hear his voice and accept his invitation in Jesus Christ to be his servant. Let God's forgiveness and love stop the chorus of condemnation which is burdening your heart and life. Remember the words of King David: *He has removed our sins as far from us as far as the east is from the west.* (Psalm 103:12, NLT) Ask for God's help and you will receive it! This week read Isaiah 55 and Revelation 3 to allow the Holy Spirit to speak to your life and lead you into God's presence.

Translations: NIV: New International Version; JOT: Jon's Own Translation;
MSG: The Message; TLB: The Living Bible; NLT; New Living Translation.