

By Faith
Part Three: When It Doesn't Seem Worth It
I Kings 18-19
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1. On Mt Carmel, Elijah experienced one of the greatest demonstrations of the power of God in all of Scripture (1 Kings 18)
 - He prayed that God would send fire to consume the altar he built so people would see that the God of Israel is Lord.
 - This type of miracle-working experience is the exception in Scripture, not the rule.
2. When news of this reached her, wicked queen Jezebel put out a contract on Elijah's life (1 Kings 19:1-3)
 - Jezebel reminds us of the persistence of unbelief, despite clear evidence to the contrary.
 - Elijah wasn't presumptuous regarding God's deliverance.
3. Elijah found a quiet place of solitude and asked God to take his life (1 Kings 19:4-8)
 - He felt God was treating Him no better than his faithless ancestors.
 - God performed another miracle for Elijah's benefit.
4. After traveling to Mt Sinai, Elijah told God how abandoned he felt (1 Kings 19:9-14)
 - God's showed Elijah evidence of His power, even when He doesn't seem present.
 - God's question for Elijah addressed his behavior, not his feelings.
5. God's solution for Elijah's depression was to tell him to keep doing what He called him to do (1 Kings 19:15-16)
 - God never explained His plan to Elijah.
 - Even his next assignments were confusing.
6. No matter how bleak things seem, God is always accomplishing His plan (1 Kings 19:17-18 cf. Romans 11:2-5)