

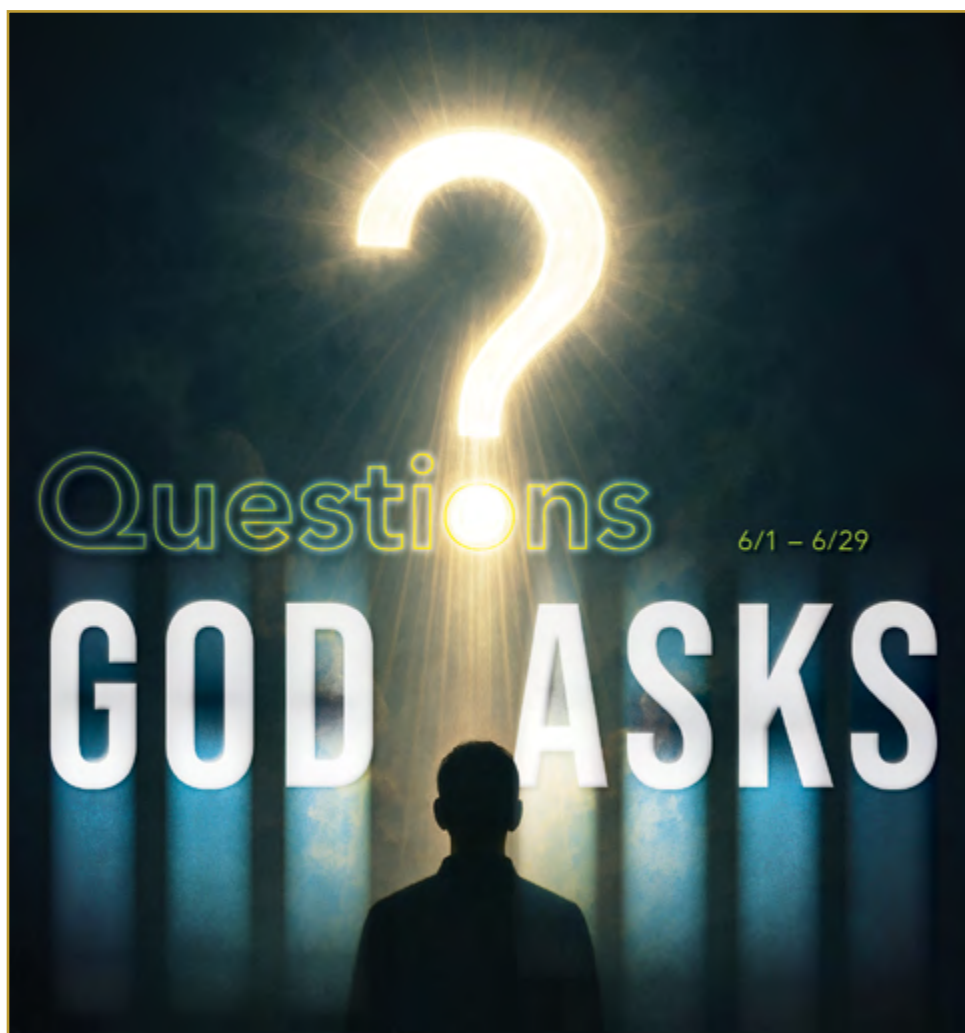
GLENKIRK CHURCH



WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

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GOD ASKS

MONDAY

Read **1 Kings 19:9**

God's Question in the Cave

“And the word of the LORD came to him: ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’” (1 Kings 19:9b)

Fear had driven Elijah into the wilderness. After a powerful confrontation with the prophets of Baal and a miraculous demonstration of God's power, Elijah found himself running from Queen Jezebel. He was emotionally drained, spiritually disillusioned, and physically exhausted. He arrived at Mount Horeb, entered a cave, and there, in the silence, God asked him: **“What are you doing here?”**

This question wasn't just about geography—it was about Elijah's soul. God knew where he was physically. But spiritually? Emotionally? Elijah was lost in fear and loneliness. The question was meant to help him process what was really happening inside of him.

This divine question reaches into our lives today as well. How often do we find ourselves “in a cave”—isolated by our fear, disappointment, or discouragement? We may still go to church, read Scripture, or serve in ministry, but inwardly we've withdrawn. We stop dreaming, hoping, or stepping forward. We feel stuck.

God's question is not accusatory; it's compassionate. It's an invitation to be honest. And in response, Elijah didn't lie or pretend but poured

out his heart: *“I've been very zealous, but they've torn down Your altars ... and now they want to kill me too”* (1 Kings 19:10). In other words, “God, I tried—and it didn't work.” And still, God listened.

God doesn't just want to know where you are; He wants to know **why**. What led you here? What pain are you carrying? What fear are you hiding? This is the starting point of restoration: naming our fears and disappointments before God. We don't need to have everything figured out. We just need to answer honestly.

Perhaps God is asking you today, “What are you doing here?” Not in judgment, but in love. Are you hiding from a calling? Running from a disappointment? Drowning in fear? God invites you to answer, not because He needs the information, but because you need the transformation. When you give voice to what's inside, you begin to create space for God's healing, redirection, and renewal.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

When have you allowed fear to cause you to retreat or isolate yourself from others, or even from God? What are the “caves” in your life where you hide emotionally, spiritually, or relationally?

PRAYERS

Pars (Persia) Theological Centre

Pray for members of the underground church inside Iran for strength and wisdom to deal with anxiety, depression and isolation due to persecution. Many have ceased their online counseling sessions with Pars out of fear of detection and arrest.

TUESDAY

Read 1 Kings 19:10

Fear Can Distort Our Vision

“I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty ... I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.” (1 Kings 19:10)

Elijah’s answer to God’s gentle question is full of emotion. He says, *“I have been very zealous ... but I am the only one left.”* Elijah had been courageous, faithful, and obedient. He had confronted kings, prayed for drought, faced false prophets, and watched fire fall from heaven. Yet, despite all that, he felt like a failure—abandoned and alone.

Fear has a way of distorting our perspective. It magnifies our problems and minimizes our victories. It makes us forget what God has done and convinces us that we are isolated. Elijah believed he was the only faithful one left, but that wasn’t true. God would later reveal that there were still 7,000 others who had not bowed to Baal.

In our own lives, fear often twists reality. We may start with zeal and passion, but disappointment or opposition causes us to lose perspective. We begin to think, “I’m the only one who cares,” or “Nothing I do makes a difference.” These thoughts lead to discouragement, burnout, and spiritual isolation.

But God listens patiently. He allows Elijah to pour out his heart.

He doesn’t rush to correct him but gives space for honesty. Then, in His time, God speaks truth to Elijah’s distorted vision.

God does the same for us. He lets us be real with Him. He invites us to bring our fears, frustrations, and misunderstandings to Him. He doesn’t ignore our pain, but He also doesn’t let us live in a false reality. He reminds us that we are never truly alone and that our work is not in vain.

Today, if fear has distorted your vision, bring it before God. Speak honestly in prayer. Let Him remind you of what is true. Look again at your past journey—see where God has been faithful. Trust that He is still working and that you are not the only one who feels abandoned.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

How do you typically respond to your own weariness or spiritual exhaustion—do you push through or slow down to receive God’s care? What practical steps can you take this week to rest and allow God to refresh your body, mind, and spirit?

PRAYERS

Pars (Persia) Theological Centre

Pray for Pars’ students who have become leaders in diaspora churches around the world but feel unprepared to lead. They struggle with conflicts in their congregations and shepherding in unfamiliar cultures. Pray that God gives them pastoral wisdom and equips them to serve with Christ’s heart.

WEDNESDAY

Read **1 Kings 19:12-13**

Faith Is Reignited in the Whisper

“After the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face.” (1 Kings 19:12 -13)

After experiencing powerful manifestations of God’s power—through wind, earthquake, and fire—Elijah might have anticipated a dramatic display; he had already seen fire fall from heaven on Mount Carmel. However, after these spectacular events, God’s presence was revealed through a gentle whisper.

Elijah had been through a great deal. He unmasked Israel’s false prophets, called for drought, and witnessed God’s miraculous power. Yet, even after these monumental victories, Elijah felt exhausted and fearful. He fled into the wilderness and hid in a cave, believing he was the last faithful servant of God. But instead of coming in a grand, thunderous way, God chose to meet Elijah quietly.

The whisper wasn’t just a form of communication—it rekindled Elijah’s faith. Elijah witnessed God’s power in the spectacular, but now he needed to experience God’s presence in stillness. In the silence, Elijah’s heart could listen more deeply. The whisper reminded Elijah that God wasn’t distant or absent. He was near, intimate, and ever-present—even amidst solitude and uncertainty.

We often look for God in the dramatic. We expect to hear Him in the thunder or see His movement in the earthquake. But God often speaks in the quiet moments. In our busy world full of noise and distractions, it is easy to miss His gentle whisper. It takes intentionality to slow down, create space for silence, and listen with our hearts. God is always speaking, but often in unexpected ways.

When we’re overwhelmed, discouraged, or feeling distant from God, we might be waiting for another miraculous sign. But the whisper calls us back to a deeper, more intimate relationship with God. It’s not about the spectacle; it’s about the nearness of His presence.

If you feel spiritually exhausted or uncertain about God’s nearness, remember that He may just be speaking to you in a whisper. He is close, offering His comfort and direction in a way that might require stillness and attention to hear. Seek Him not just in the loud moments but also in the quiet ones. You may find that your faith is reignited in the silence.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

Are you intentionally creating space in your life to hear God’s whisper in the quiet? What distractions or noise might you need to remove to be more attentive to God’s still, small voice?

PRAYERS

Pars (Persia) Theological Centre

Pray for healing among members who are struggling with cancer, as well as seeking asylum at the same time. Pray that God provides them with peace and strength beyond all understanding and helps them find both provision and placement in a new home country.

THURSDAY

Read **1 Kings 19:15-16**

God Still Has a Purpose for You

“The LORD said to him, ‘Go back the way you came ... anoint Hazael ... anoint Jehu ... and anoint Elisha ...’” (1 Kings 19:15-16)

After the gentle whisper of God’s presence, He doesn’t reprimand Elijah. He doesn’t belittle his fears, doubts, or Elijah having fled in fear. Instead, God gives Elijah a renewed purpose. He reactivated the prophet not in shame, but with a mission. Elijah is not disqualified from God’s plan—he still has purpose.

Elijah may have believed his calling was finished. The emotional exhaustion, fear causing his flight, and feeling of isolation could have made him believe that he had done all he could, that he now was a failure. But God knew otherwise. His plan for Elijah involved not only continuing his prophetic work, but also mentoring the next generation of leaders.

The first part of this recommissioning was to anoint Hazael as Aram’s king, advancing God’s purposes in that foreign nation. Next, God asks Elijah was to anoint Jehu, whom God appointed to bring judgment on Ahab’s house. Finally, Elijah was to anoint Elisha as his successor. Elijah’s work was not about him alone—it was about advancing God’s kingdom. Even amidst his depression, Elijah’s faithfulness was still needed.

Elijah’s sense of burnout and disappointment are relatable. After seasons of hard work and seemingly no fruitfulness, we may feel like God has forgotten or no longer has use for us. But just as God was unfinished with Elijah, He isn’t finished with us. Even in our times of despair, God is preparing us for new purposes—sometimes tasks we cannot yet see.

Notice that God didn’t just send Elijah back alone. He gave him the responsibility of mentoring Elisha, ensuring Elijah would not walk faithfully in isolation. There is something profoundly healing and restoring in being part of a community, especially one calling us to pour into others.

Are you feeling like your purpose has run out? God is calling you back. He is not done with you yet. Your work may look different, but it’s still vital. God still has a plan for you.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

Have you ever felt like your season of usefulness in God’s kingdom was over? What contributed to that feeling? What might God be calling you back to—or forward into—even if you feel weak or uncertain?

PRAYERS

Pars (Persia) Theological Centre

Pray for refugee students awaiting resettlement, especially those in Turkey and Cyprus where they are prohibited from securing stable work and governmental benefits because of their refugee status.



FRIDAY

Read **1 Kings 19:18**

You Don't Walk Alone

"Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed to Baal ..." (1 Kings 19:18)

Elijah believed that he was the only faithful one left in Israel. After fleeing Jezebel's threat into the wilderness, Elijah thought his zeal for God made him an outcast. His emotional and spiritual exhaustion led him to think, "I'm all alone in this fight." But God's response was both a comfort and a challenge: *"I reserved seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed to Baal."*

Elijah's perception was clouded by his isolation. His fear and weariness caused him to forget the larger picture. He was not alone in standing for truth. God was working in other lives; there were thousands who remained faithful despite Elijah's veiled perspective.

Such isolation can creep into our lives. When we face difficulty, opposition, or discouragement, it's easy to feel like we're alone in struggling or standing firmly. We can begin to believe that our fight is solitary. But God's words to Elijah remind us that we are never truly alone. There are others who share our faith and are also walking through challenges while trusting God.

In moments of despair, when it feels like you are alone, remember that you are part of something larger. God has a faithful remnant—others who have uncompromised faith, who are persevering even while we can't see them. Sometimes God calls us to trust in the unseen community, to understand that we are not isolated in our struggles.

God's reassurance to Elijah was a reminder that no matter how dark or difficult times may seem, there remains a faithful group of believers. Even when we feel alone, God is never far. His presence, His people, and His purposes are at work even when invisible to us.

If you feel isolated in your faith journey, take heart. You are not alone. God is raising up His Church, sustaining believers worldwide, and inviting us into His work together. Lean into that truth. Take heart. You are not alone. You never were.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

When have you believed the lie that you are the only one standing for God? Who are the "faithful ones" around you that you can draw encouragement from or offer encouragement to? How can you remind yourself regularly that you are part of a greater community of faith?

PRAYERS

Pars (Persia) Theological Centre

Pray for Pars' faculty, mentors, counselors, tutors, and staff as they guide and support students in very challenging situations. Pray that God gives them the words to speak and discernment to show them how best to help students, who are sometimes in situations that are both overwhelming and totally beyond their control.



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