

Sunday – October 26, 2025

New Series: “Speak Up but Don’t Shout”



Theme: True flourishing is found not in noise or spectacle, but in the quiet confidence that God still listens, still cares, and still speaks — even in the silence.

Key verse: *“The Lord was not in the wind... not in the earthquake... not in the fire... but in the gentle whisper” (1 Kings 19:9-12).*

BACKGROUND

After his victory on Mount Carmel, he fled in fear, exhausted and alone. He prayed, “It is enough, Lord—take my life.” Yet, even then, God was listening. This story reminds us that flourishing faith doesn’t depend on constant excitement or visible results — it grows through trust in the God who listens quietly, patiently, and personally.

GOD LISTENS THROUGH _____ (1 Kings 19:5–8)
“An angel touched him and said, ‘Get up and eat’

- Elijah’s cry was one of _____, not devotion — yet God still responded.
- God doesn’t _____ Elijah for his weakness; He provides what he needs.
- Before Elijah can hear God’s voice, he must _____ and _____.

GOD LISTENS IN THE _____, NOT THE _____ (1 Kings 19:9–12)
“The Lord was not in the wind... not in the earthquake... not in the fire... but in the gentle whisper”

- Elijah expected God to speak through _____ signs.
- God’s whisper shows He is _____ enough to speak softly.
- The absence of noise does not mean the _____ of God.

GOD LISTENS WITH _____ AND PURPOSE (1 Kings 19:13–18)
“I have been very zealous for the Lord... I am the only one left”

- Elijah repeats the same _____, and God listens patiently.
- God restores Elijah’s _____: “Go back the way you came.”
- God reminds him he is not _____ — there are still 7,000 faithful ones.

FLOURISHING FAITH TRUSTS THE GOD WHO _____

Flourishing isn’t found in constant activity or loud emotion but in the stillness of knowing: *“Be still, and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10).*

When you can’t see God working, trust that He stills:

1. Provides for your needs.
2. Whispers to your soul.
3. Restores your purpose.

THIS WEEK:

1. **Rest:** Slow down. Let God meet your physical and emotional needs.
2. **Listen:** Create quiet spaces where God can speak in a whisper.
3. **Return:** Step back into your calling with renewed faith and strength.
4. **Ask:** “What is God whispering to me?”