

SEPTEMBER 20

## “THERE’S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LONELINESS AND ONLY-NESS.”

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### **READ**

*1 Kings 19:1-12, Song of Solomon 2:10*

We all know what “quarantine” means now. It implies being pushed aside or separated. It can work on your nerves. It can make you feel a sense of isolation and detachment. Christians thrive on fellowship, but did you know that sometimes God will quarantine you away even from fellowship, because He has something He wants to say to you, to do in you? Elijah, the great prophet, had to be quarantined for 40 days. That’s where God showed Elijah that He is not in the showy, noisy spectacles. He’s in a still, small voice. Elijah had to be quarantined to understand that God whispers. Sometimes God wants to say something to you personally. God does not want us to stay the way we are. God doesn’t want us to do things the way we always have done. God is always taking us somewhere else, a higher, deeper, better, more spiritual place. Isolation can bring insulation. Insulation is when God wraps you up in His arms and protects you. It’s just you and Him. He determines that He will not let this world affect you, your heart, or your call. When there’s nobody and nothing, you still have the Word of God in your life. The Word of God will establish your soul, and the Word of God will feed you from day to day.

### **PRAY**

Lord, You call us away to You, because You love us. My heart desires to be with You. I feel Your arms around me and I bend my ear toward You to hear that still, small voice.

*From May 3, 2020*