

DECEMBER 28

“WITH YOUR EYES ON HIM, FORGET THE PAST.”

READ

1 Kings 19:1-10, Psalm 103:11-13

The Bible teaches that when God forgives, you are truly and eternally forgiven. Then Satan comes back, wanting to remind, accuse, and argue with you about your past. His job is to plant lies about God in your mind. Those falsehoods get between you and the Father, making you feel isolated and alone. Elijah called fire down from heaven, defeated the enemies of the Lord, and then found out there was a price on his head. So the mighty warrior of God, the prophet of Israel, was suddenly intimidated. He runs for his life and hides in a cave. This is not where God wanted him. Is God asking you, “What are you doing here? Why are you living in this cave of defeat? My Spirit and power are with you.” Elijah said, “I’m here because I’m the only one left. There’s nobody to talk to, nobody can understand what I’ve been through.” Jesus wants you to take your eyes off yourself and put them on Him. Quit looking at your sins and defeats and start looking at the glory of the One who dwells in heaven. With your eyes on Him, start worshipping. With your eyes on Him, forget the past.

PRAY

Lord, I’m never alone. You are always with me, an ever-present help. I always have You to talk to and I come to You now in prayer. You understand me completely. You were tempted in every way that I am. I look to You today in worship and press on.

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