

DECEMBER 11

## “ARE YOU CLOSE ENOUGH TO HEAR THE WHISPER?”

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### **READ**

*1 Kings 18-19:12*

We see Elijah hiding in a cave, alone and afraid. That's a terrible place to be. The word of the Lord came to him and sent him to the mountain where the presence of the Lord was about to pass. Three times previously we read that the word of the Lord came to him: go to the Brook Cherith, go the widow in Zarephath, present yourself to King Ahab. In the Hebrew context, “the word of the Lord came” implies orders from a commander to his soldiers. As Elijah is on that mountain a wind, a fire, an earthquake passes by. The Lord is in none of them. But then, a still small voice came. Not the word of the Lord, not orders from headquarters, but now a gentle whisper. The closer you get to someone, the more softly you can speak. The Lord was saying, “I don't love you because you're a prophet, because you killed the prophets of Baal. You are not just my servant. I love you because you are my son. I'm right here.” Don't miss the voice looking for an earthquake; don't miss the whisper waiting for fire to fall; don't miss the breath of God in your ear looking for something extraordinary and miraculous.

### **PRAY**

I come now to my prayer closet. Your voice is there; no fire, no earthquake, no wind. You are there and You are whispering. I come close, so I can hear.

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