

ELIJAH - NOTES

Week 2

Hey Ladies- I hope you are enjoying Week 2 of the study. Here are some thoughts- hopefully they are helpful as you prepare to lead your groups over the next two weeks ☺

Day 1

The theme of Day 1 is so important for us all. God separates us from the people and the noise of this world in order to do important things within us. We need to be alone with God in order to: (tended time alone with God) is important so that we can:

- Re-align our and priorities with His priorities.
- Recognize that God is not dependent on us for His work.
- Remind ourselves that we work for God's glory, not for our own glory.
- Experience that God is ultimately all we have, and fortunately, He is all we need.
- Examine our hearts and minds for rationalization of sin, prideful motives, subconscious fixations, unhealthy entanglements etc.... These things are easy to ignore when there is so much other "noise" to focus on.
- We need to be alone With God so that we can clear our heads of deception that comes from Satan.

Day 2

This day talks about how we must rely on the Lord during times of uncertainty, just like Elijah relied on the Lord to provide water, when it appeared that the water in the brook would not last forever. I really like all the Scripture that is provided in this day: all the verses on page 57, Numbers 23:19 on page 58 and Philippians 4:6-7 at the bottom of page 59. Maybe the ladies at your table can make a goal of memorizing one or more of these verses that relate to an uncertainty that they are facing right now. We want to have Scripture hidden in our heart that will fill our minds when times of uncertainty come upon us.

Day 3

In this day, Priscilla points out that Cherith was an "in between" spot between the palace, where Elijah just was speaking to King Ahab, and his comfortable, familiar home. God did not allow him to stay in either of these places, but had Elijah stay in a "new" place. I have found, when I am trying new things or big things for God, I have had to learn how to feel more comfortable in moments when I am not sure how everything is going to fall together. I think this sense of "comfortable in the unknown" comes from experience and repetition. We learn, through experience, that God will eventually direct us in times of uncertainty (as long as we keep our eyes on Him and obey) so we do not need to panic. I like the distinction that



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Priscilla makes at the bottom of page 63 and top of 64. In “in between moments” we can find ourselves barreling ahead because we are impatient, manipulative, or prideful. We can also retreat back into what we know, even if it is harmful to us, or against God’s will, because at least it is what we know, and even though it is not a good situation, at least we know what to expect, so we are not fearful about the “unexpected”. This may resonate with you or some of your ladies. The key is to get close enough to God, and gain experience in walking through uncertain times alongside of Him, which results in a deep trust in God. When we have this deep trust, we do not feel compelled to push forward or fall back- but to courageously wait until He gives us further direction.

Day 4

This is another day filled with wonderful Scripture that we should memorize and hide in our hearts. Maybe, take some time to read these out loud in your group. Do any of your ladies have a story about how God surprised one of them, and provided a solution for their circumstance or provision for their need? Do any of your ladies struggle being a “control freak”? If we are control freaks, and unable to submit or surrender to God’s direction and purpose, will we ever have the chance to experience a surprise from God? Probably not. And if God never surprises us with His provision, then how will we ever learn to trust Him? This does not mean that we should not make plans for the future, but that we need to submit our plans to God’s purpose and direction.

I love the point Priscilla unpacks on page 71. Has God every provided for you in a way that “bristles against your preferences”, in order to teach you something about yourself?

Day 5

In this day, we see that God was protecting Elijah when he had him separated at Cherith. Priscilla talks about how as we mature, we gain hindsight. And, hindsight is a gift. We should learn from what God has done in our lives. We should use hindsight to cultivate trust in God about the future. When God is not moving in the direction that we would like, or perhaps as quickly as we would like, it is because we do not have a full grasp of His plan. Take time to read the example about the Israelites. What did your ladies take from the Scripture reading in Exodus? How may God be working to protect them in their own lives?



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