

Panic – Part 3

Weekend Discussion Questions

January 17-18, 2009

Community:

1. Describe a time in your life or a past situation in which you felt a total sense of panic.
2. Convey briefly your views about the current state of the US economy and how you are coping with these feelings.

Core: Read 1 Kings 17

1. After watching God perform great miracles, why do you sense Elijah feared so greatly the death threat of Jezebel?
2. As Elijah contemplated his circumstances under the broom tree, he asked God to take his life. Would you consider Elijah's faith weak because he sought a way out? Why or why not.
3. At times, we judge those around us harshly when they respond to tough situations as did Elijah. Why are we so critical of people who want to give up?
4. As Elijah lay down under the broom tree and surrendered to his circumstances how did God respond?
5. Jim mentioned briefly the idea that sometimes, even when we are running in the wrong direction, God still takes care of us. Would you agree or disagree with this thought? Why or why not.
6. In 1 Kings 19:10 Elijah states his case to God. God, rather than answering Elijah, performs a demonstration of His power but in the end speaks to Elijah in a whisper. Why do you think God responded in this way?
7. Sometimes following God, even knowing that it's the right thing, can be exhausting, so exhausting we want to quit. As we contemplate God's response to Elijah what truth can we gain?

Challenge: This week pray these 3 questions each day:

1. God asked Elijah – What are you doing here? Is God maybe asking us the same question? Reflect on your current situation or place in life in light of this question.
2. God has a plan. What is his plan? For many of us, we might not truly know. In the verses below what truths can we hold on to knowing God has a plan?

Read: Jeremiah 29: 11, 1 Corinthians 10: 13, 2 Corinthians 12:8-10



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