

A Life or Death Message

Have you ever felt like you were about to die?

Read 1 Kings 19:1-21.

1. Why did Jezebel vow to kill Elijah?
 - A. Elijah had just killed all of Jezebel's prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:40).
 - B. Jezebel was accustomed to killing followers of Yahweh.
 - C. Kill or be killed.
 - D. King Ahab had no control to stop Queen Jezebel.
 - E. It was just a bunch of bravado talk (like 1 Kings 20:10).
 - F. Jezebel voiced what Ahab wanted.
 - G. This was a test for the triumphant prophet after Mount Carmel.
 - H. Jezebel actually feared Elijah.
 - I. Other.

2. Why did Elijah run for his life?
 - A. Jezebel threatened to kill him within a day.
 - B. God couldn't protect Elijah from Jezebel.
 - C. After the high experience on Mount Carmel, Elijah crashed.
 - D. It's what I would have done.
 - E. Physical exhaustion affected his spiritual stamina.
 - F. Emotional exhaustion overpowered Elijah's faith/trust in God.
 - G. "Safety first" is the motto for all of God's followers.
 - H. Elijah forgot what God had already done in his life.
 - I. Other.

3. Why didn't Elijah die?
 - A. He ran for his life (and he was a great runner—1 Kings 18:46).
 - B. God protected him.
 - C. Jezebel wasn't really going to kill him.
 - D. Elijah wanted to die—he was suicidal (vs 4).
 - E. God provided food and rest.
 - F. Thousands of faithful Israelites came to Elijah's aid.
 - G. God still had more for Elijah to do.
 - H. Eventually he did die.
 - I. Other.

4. Which event Elijah experienced do you think was a message from God?
 - A. The angel's message and actions (vs 5-8).
 - B. Going 40 days to Mount Sinai/Mount Horeb—the mountain of God.
 - C. God's question: "What are you doing here?"
 - D. The mighty wind (vs 11 cf. Exodus 14:21-22; Exodus 19:16).
 - E. The earthquake (vs 12 cf. Exodus 19:18-19).
 - F. The fire (vs 12 cf. Exodus 3:1-6; Exodus 19:18).
 - G. The still, small voice (vs 12).
 - H. Other.

5. What was God's message to Elijah at this time?
 - A. Stop your whining.
 - B. Go back to your post in Israel.
 - C. I want you to kill Jezebel.
 - D. You need to see a counselor.
 - E. What are you doing here?
 - F. You feel like you're all alone, but you really aren't.
 - G. I have messages for you to deliver to some key people.
 - H. You need to start mentoring someone who will take your place.
 - I. Other.

6. How do you respond to this story about Elijah?
 - A. I can relate.
 - B. I can't relate.
 - C. God has never spoken to me.
 - D. I haven't heard a "still, small voice" (unless it was my own thoughts).
 - E. I'd like to be Elisha.
 - F. I'd like to be Elijah.
 - G. I need more discernment to discover God's message(s) for me.
 - H. Other.

7. Shortly before his crucifixion, Jesus was "transfigured" (see Mark 9:2-13) and Moses and Elijah met with him. What do you think Elijah might have said to Jesus at that time?

8. If God asked you, "What are you doing here?" what would be your answer? What would be your attitude?