



## I'VE HAD ENOUGH!

I found myself in front of a keyboard staring at a blank screen, frustrated, teary-eyed, and ready to give up. I was preparing a message for a ladies retreat and the message wasn't coming. I wanted to quit. In reality, I was worn out, stressed out, and burned out. I'd had enough!

Elijah the Prophet was one of God's greatest servants. He had just experienced great victory in a showdown against the prophets of the false god Baal on Mt Carmel, but we find him in 1 Kings 19 in the wilderness, sitting under a broom tree, ready to quit, wanting to die. He cried out "I've had enough Lord, take my life."

Elijah faced opposition, fear and exhaustion. Ministry had not turned out like he had planned. He ran away and it wasn't until he had an encounter with God on Mt Horeb that he was ready to return to the ministry God had called him to.

Sometimes in our service to God we feel like Elijah. Life is tough, people are messy and things don't always go as planned. We find ourselves running from what God has called us to. And when we do, like Elijah, we need an encounter with the One True Living God. We need to make our way back to where we met God; where we felt close to Him. We need a fresh vision of his power and glory.

We need time alone with God to feel refreshed and renewed. We need to get quiet to hear his gentle whisper. It's a loud and crazy world out there. Shhhh....

**"Be still and know that I am God!"**

**Psalm 46:10**

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