NEW LIFE CLASS

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BETWEEN BIBLICAL LEARNING AND RADICAL LIVING



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Enough Is Enough!

Lesson 14 • 1Kings 19:1-18

What Happens When Enough Is Enough?

1. Ahab the Apostate King FAILS to Lead.

"Now Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword." (19:1)

2. Jezebel the Pagan Queen REFUSES to Repent.

"Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me and even more, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.'" (19:2)

"If you are ELIJAH, I am JEZEBEL!"

- She **SENDS** a messenger.
- She **SWEARS** an oath.

"So may the gods do to me..."	In **DEFIANCE** of Yahweh in the name of her gods (Baal + the rest)!
"if I don't make your life as the life of one of them"	To **KILL** Elijah as he did to her prophets!
"do to me and even more..."	At the **RISK** her own life!
"by this time tomorrow!"	With a **DEADLINE**!

Questions to Ask

Why does she send a messenger vs. an executioner? Why does she wait 24-hours vs. act immediately?

Answers to Consider

We're not sure!

3. Elijah the Loyal Prophet FLEES in Fear.

1Kings 19:3-5a

19:3 *"And he was afraid and arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there."*

His Emotion? _____

His Reaction? _____

His Omission? _____

1) There is no Word **FROM** God and no prayer **TO** God!
2) Elijah has forsaken the **PATHWAY** of Submission!
3) The **FAITH** of the ***FireKeeper*** is about to go out...*little more than smoldering wick!*

His Decision?

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His Location?

19:4a *"But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree…"*

His Location? *In the wilderness* _____

Under a juniper tree _____

His Intention?

19:4b-5a *"…and he requested for himself that he might die, and said, 'It is enough; now, O LORD, take my life, for I am not better than my fathers.' He lay down and slept under a juniper tree…"*

His Lamentation? *"I have had enough! LORD, take my life, for I'm no better than my fathers." (CSB)*

1) With regard to **LIFE**, Elijah says, ***"ENOUGH!"*** *(Numbers 11:10-15)*

I'm done – I have gone long enough in my loyalty!
Your people are done – they have gone far enough in their disloyalty!

2) With regard to **DEATH**, Elijah says, ***"NOW!"***

3) With regard to **OTHERS**, Elijah says, ***"I AM NO BETTER!"***

Elijah Was a Human Being Just Like Us!
Too often we expect the LORD to do it **OUR WAY** *on our* **TIMETABLE** *and to do it all* **THROUGH US**.

4. Yahweh the Promise Keeper REMAINS Loyal to His Remnant.

1Kings 19:5b-18

- A **PROVISION** of ***Love*** in the Wilderness. *(5-8)*
- A **REVELATION** of ***Faith*** on the Mountain. *(9-14; Exodus 32-33)*
- A **MISSION** of ***Hope*** for the Future. *(15-18)*

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"Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out or raise His voice, Nor make His voice heard in the street. ***A bruised reed He will not break And a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; He will faithfully bring forth justice.*** *He will not be disheartened or crushed Until He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law."* ***Isaiah 42:1-4***

*"****Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.*** *Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."* ***Matthew 11:28-30***

NEXT WEEK
How Does God Respond When His People Say: "Enough is Enough!"