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Hear From Me

Do you want to hear from me? Yes, of course, I want to hear from you. **Then I will ask you a couple questions.** I'm listening. **That's good. What will make you able to hear from me? What will you unable to hear from me?** I will start with your second question first. I will be unable to hear from you if I don't believe that you will speak to me. I will be unable to hear from you if I am making no attempt to listen to you. I will be unable to hear from you if I never quiet myself before you. **Why is that?** This life is noisy. This life is busy. This life is distracting. This life is all consuming. If I don't set aside a time and place to quiet myself before you, it will be very difficult for me to hear from you. **That is true.** There is something else that I have learned. **What is that?** Being able to hear and recognize your voice is something that grows over time. **How so?** The more I quiet myself before you and the more I listen to you, the more I will hear your gentle whispers speaking to me. **That is also true.** I know a couple other points are true, without a doubt. **Tell me about them.** If I am unwilling to obey you, I will be unlikely to hear from you. Why would you speak to me if I am unwilling to listen to you? **Good point.** Not obeying you is a sin, which brings me to the next point. If I have unconfessed sin in my life, I am unlikely to hear from you. **Why is that?** Unconfessed sin will more likely make me want to run from you rather than draw near to you. **You are wise to know that to be true.**

Let me hear what will make you able to hear from me? A burning desire to hear from you will make me able to hear from you. I will certainly find you if I seek you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. I will certainly find you if I seek you with all that is within me. **Yes, you will.** A willingness to quiet myself before you will make me able to hear from you. A willingness to confess all my sins to you will make me able to hear from you. A commitment to set apart a daily time and place to meet with you will make me able to hear from you. **Will you do all these things? Will you have this desire and this willingness in you?** Yes, I will. **That will be very good. Then you will hear from me.**

Heavenly Father, I know life is busy. I know that life is noisy. I know that I am hard of hearing. So, I will set aside a daily time and place to meet with you. I will quiet myself before you. I will listen carefully to you. I will hear your gentle whispers speaking to me. Amen

Promises*Gentle Whisper*

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NIV

1 Kings 19:11-12

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"Go out and stand before me on the mountain," the LORD told him. And as Elijah stood there, the LORD passed by, and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain. It was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper.

NLT

1 Kings 19:11-12

Promises*Sound Of Sheer Silence*

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

NRSV

1 Kings 19:11-12

Promises*Still, Small Voice*

And He said, Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord. And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire [a sound of gentle stillness and] a still, small voice.

AMP

1 Kings 19:11-12

Promises*Gentle Blowing*

So He said, "Go forth and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD was passing by! And a great and strong wind was rending the mountains and breaking in pieces the rocks before the LORD; *but* the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, *but* the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake a fire, *but* the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing.

NASB

1 Kings 19:11-12

Promises*Low Whisper*

And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper.

ESV

1 Kings 19:11-12

Promises*Still Small Voice*

Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, *but* the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, *but* the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, *but* the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

NKJV

1 Kings 19:11-12

Promises*Quiet Whisper*

Then he was told, "Go, stand on the mountain at attention before GOD. GOD will pass by." A hurricane wind ripped through the mountains and shattered the rocks before GOD, but GOD wasn't to be found in the wind; after the wind an earthquake, but GOD wasn't in the earthquake; and after the earthquake fire, but GOD wasn't in the fire; and after the fire a gentle and quiet whisper.

MSG

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TLB

1 Kings 19:11-12

Promises*Quiet Gentle Sound*

The LORD said to Elijah, "Go, stand in front of me on the mountain, and I will pass by you." Then a very strong wind blew until it caused the mountains to fall apart and large rocks to break in front of the LORD. But the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake, there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire, there was a quiet, gentle sound.

NCV

1 Kings 19:11-12

Gentle Whisper

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Promises – 1 Kings 19:11-12

In Context: *Read 1 Kings 19*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Heavenly Father, I know life is busy. I know that life is noisy. I know that I am hard of hearing. So, I will set aside a daily time and place to meet with you. I will quiet myself before you. I will listen carefully to you. I will hear your gentle whispers speaking to me. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How have you set aside a time and place to quiet yourself before your Heavenly Father to hear from Him?

Why will it be difficult and unlikely for you to hear from your Heavenly Father over the noise and busyness of life?

When have you clearly heard your Heavenly Father speaking to you in a quiet whisper?

Why can you be sure you will hear from your Heavenly Father when you quiet yourself before Him?

How has your Heavenly Father guided the course of your life as you have listened to His quiet whispers?

How have quiet whispers from your Heavenly sustained and strengthened you as you have listened to Him?

Why will you never regret the time you have spent quietly listening to your Heavenly Father?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Quiet yourself before your Heavenly Father so you can hear His gentle whispers speaking to you.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that your Heavenly Father will speak to you in gentle whispers when you quiet yourself before Him.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group when you are quieting yourself before your Heavenly Father.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you listen carefully so you can hear your Heavenly Father speaking to you.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Heavenly Father, I will listen carefully so I can hear you speaking to me.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Heavenly Father, what do you want to say to me today?
