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## Elijah's Confidence is \_\_\_\_\_.

*Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. 1 Kings 19:2-3*

### I. Consequences of Discouragement:

#### A. We depreciate our \_\_\_\_\_.

*"for I am no better than my fathers." 1 Kings 19:4c*

#### B. We underrate our \_\_\_\_\_.

*He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword" 1 Kings 19:10a*

#### C. We exaggerate our \_\_\_\_\_.

*"and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." 1 Kings 19:10b*

#### D. We give up our \_\_\_\_\_.

*. . . And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life . . ." 1 Kings 19:4b*

### II. Learning how to \_\_\_\_\_ discouragement:

#### A. Get a fresh \_\_\_\_\_.

*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*

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*fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 1 Kings 19:11-13*

#### B. Pray and don't \_\_\_\_\_.

*And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to **pray and not lose heart.** Luke 18:1*

God's \_\_\_\_\_ are not always God's \_\_\_\_\_.

How to gain confidence in God:

#### 1. Persistent praying \_\_\_\_\_.

*And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19*

#### 2. Persistent praying \_\_\_\_\_.

*Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. John 16:24*

*And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." Mark 10:51*

*You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13*

#### 3. Persistent praying \_\_\_\_\_.

*Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, Ephesians 3:20*

*Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 2 Corinthians 12:8-9*

#### 4. Persistent praying \_\_\_\_\_.

*And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9*

### The Conclusion: God \_\_\_\_\_.

*Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. 1 Kings 19:18-19a*

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