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WELCOME TO THIS
WORSHIP CELEBRA-
TION of the living
Christ's presence in
our midst. Christ
comes to us with new
life and strength for
Christian living in
daily life through the
hearing of the Word,
preaching, prayer,
song, and community.

*As the Confession and
Forgiveness begins, all
may make the sign of
the cross, the sign that
is marked at baptism.*

*Congregational re-
sponses are in bold*

** Asterisks through-
out the order of
worship indicate
the people stand-
ing, in body and/or
in spirit.*

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lynn McLauchlan, reader

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision"

Shirley Newhart, organ

arr. Wood

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection

Leader: Compassionate God.

People: **we confess to you all our sins.**

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Leader: Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

People: **Amen.**

*GATHERING SONG “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

Hymn 634

Verses 1-4



1 All hail the pow’r of Je - sus’ name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 O seed of Is - rael’s cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid’s line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne’er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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The God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6
Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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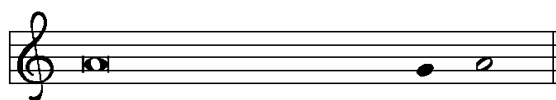
*GREETING

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

"Kyrie" is a Greek word meaning "Lord." In Christian liturgy, particularly in Kyrie Eleison, it's used as a plea for God's mercy. The full phrase, "Kyrie eleison," translates to "Lord, have mercy," and has a common element in various Christian worship services since the 4th century.

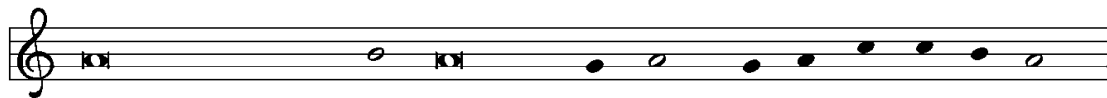
*KYRIE



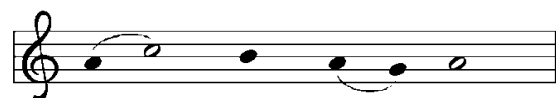
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



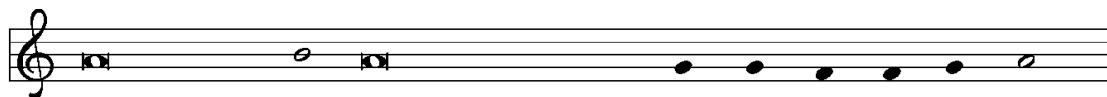
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A - men.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Leader: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC “Two Fishermen”

Toolan

SING THE FAITH Men's Choir

*Two fishermen, who lived along the Sea of Galilee,
stood by the shore to cast their nets into an ageless sea.
Now Jesus watched them from afar, then called them each by name.
It changed their lives, these simple men: they'd never be the same.*

Refrain: “Leave all things you have and come and follow me, and come and follow me.”

*And as he walked along the shore 'twas James and John he'd find,
And these two sons of Zebedee would leave their boats behind.
Their work and all they held so dear they left beside their nets.
Their names they'd heard as Jesus called; they came without regret.*

*O Simon, Peter, Andrew, James, and John beloved one,
you heard Christ's call to speak good news revealed to God's own Son.
Susanna, Mary, Magdalene who traveled with your Lord,
You ministered to him with joy for he is God adored.*

*And you, good Christians, one and all who'd follow Jesus' way.
Come leave behind what keeps you bound to trappings of our day.
And listen as he calls your name to come and follow near,
for still he speaks in varied ways to those his call will hear.*

WORD

Lynn McLauchlan, reader

FIRST READING: 2 Corinthians 1:3-11

New Testament page 157

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴ who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵ For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶ If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. ⁷ Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

⁸ We do not want you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia, for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. ⁹ Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. ¹⁰ He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again, ¹¹ as you also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many may give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The reading of Scripture is the time God makes known his will: God desires mercy and salvation.

Ultimately, this word points us to the Word, the incarnate Son of God.

Through Christ — God's only Son — are we able to know the Father's favor and grace.

PSALMODY: Psalm 42

Leader: ¹ As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

People: ² **My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.
When shall I come and behold
the face of God?**

Leader: ³ My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me continually,
“Where is your God?”

People: ⁴ **These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:
how I went with the throng
and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.**

Leader: ⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God, for I shall again praise him,
my help

People: ⁶ **and my God.
My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.**

Leader: ⁷ Deep calls to deep
at the thunder of your torrents;
all your waves and your billows
have gone over me.

People: ⁸ **By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.**

Leader: ⁹ I say to God, my rock,
“Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I walk about mournfully
because the enemy oppresses me?”

People: ¹⁰ As with a deadly wound in my body,
 my adversaries taunt me,
 while they say to me continually,
 “Where is your God?”

Leader: ¹¹ Why are you cast down, O my soul,
 and why are you disquieted within me?
 Hope in God, for I shall again praise him,
 my help and my God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30

New Testament page 10

Leader: The Gospel according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON TEXT: 1 Kings 19:1-16 (NIV)

New International Version of the Bible

Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.”

³ Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴ while he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. “I have had enough, Lord,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.” ⁵ Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, “Get up and eat.” ⁶ He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

⁷ The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.” ⁸ So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. ⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night.

And the word of the Lord came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

¹⁰ He replied, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

¹¹ The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before 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. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

¹⁴ He replied, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

¹⁵ The Lord said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Depression and Burnout (Elijah, Part 4)”

Director of Faith Formation Ken Ritz

*Today's Altar Flowers
are given by Betty &
Ken Mitchell “cele-
brating and thanking
God for 68 years of
marriage and our
wonderful family.”*

*The July Eternal can-
dle was donated by
Shirley & Phil Nack
“with thanks for all
the prayers and God's
blessing to you all.”*

***HYMN OF THE DAY** "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

Hymn 774



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last-ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last-ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last-ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(In between the petitions of the prayers, the following response is offered.)

Leader: God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

(Final petition and response.)

Leader: Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

People: Amen.

That Christ visited the dead after his crucifixion is based on 1 Peter 4:6 "For this is the reason the gospel was proclaimed even to the dead, so that, though they had been judged in the flesh as everyone is judged, they might live in the spirit as God does."

In the Apostles' Creed, the phrase "holy catholic Church" refers to the universal Christian church, not exclusively the Roman Catholic Church. It signifies the belief in a single, unified body of believers across time and space, united by their shared faith in Christ.

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*LORD'S PRAYER

People: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and
lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine
is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and
ever. Amen.

SENDING

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

Leader: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

People: Amen

*SENDING SONG "How Great Thou Art"

Hymn 856



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Text: Carl G. Boberg, 1859–1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899–1989

Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine

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*DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

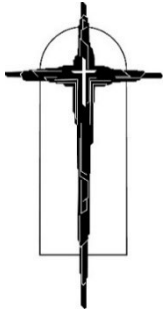
Shirley Newhart, organ

arr. Wood

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 26	8:45 am Choir Warm-up 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship 5:00 pm Chili Dogs, Ice Cream & Sing-Along
Monday, July 27	
Tuesday, July 28	3:00 pm MLC Staff Meeting 4:30 pm Investment Committee 6:30 pm Messiah Reads
Wednesday, July 29	8:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Thursday, July 30	
Friday, July 31	
Saturday, August 1	

Italics indicate outside group

PASTOR SCHEIB OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

MESSIAH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday-9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 pm

Wednesday-8:30 am to 11:30 am

Friday-Closed

ONLINE GIVING

Please consider making a one-time or recurring gift to Messiah using the secure online portal at the website (messiahsi.org) and clicking on the Give tab. Another option to reach the portal is to scan this QR code using your smartphone's QR reader. This link may be used for paying for altar flowers and other church-related activities. Questions? Contact the Church Office.



If you would like to give the old-fashioned way, the offering plate is on the table as you exit the Sanctuary.



THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Ministers	The People of Messiah
Pastor	Jason Talsness
Pastor, Congregational Care	Karen Scheib
Director, Faith Formation	Ken Ritz
Pastor Emeritus	James Peper
Presiding Bishop ELCA	Yehiel Curry
Bishop, SE Synod ELCA	Kevin Strickland
Director of Music & Organist	Shirley Newhart
Choral Director	Rodney Powers
Altar Guild	Karen Floto
Reader	Lynn McLauchlan
Evangelism Greeters	Diana & Geoff Wilson
Ushers	Ken Mitchell and Jim Ross
Audio Visual	Steve Allen and Ken McLauchlan
Coffee Hour	Pam Allen (host) Milda Blaney (treats)

MILESTONES THIS WEEK

Birthdays: Karin Viglione 7/30; Betty Mitchell 7/30

*Anniversaries: Phil & Shirley Nack 7/27; Steve & Michele Derr 7/28; Rick & Trish Tal-
lon 7/28; Lisa & Richard Oswald 7/29; Katharine & John Marshall 7/31*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER SOCIAL

Sunday, July 26, 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Join the festivities in Peper Hall and enjoy

Cincinnati chili dogs and ice cream. Come prepared to sing your favorite hymns and other tunes with Shirley Newhart. During the event, guests can make donations to support the October 3rd Build-a-Bed event, sponsored again this year in partnership with Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Please sign up on the Narthex Kiosk.

2026-2027 FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

The group assignments are complete! Electronic copies were distributed in *The Messiah Minute*, and hard copies are on the Narthex Table.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Deadline: Sunday, August 9

School starts in August, and the Outreach Ministry will be collecting school supplies until Sunday, August 9, with donations going to The Learning Academy. There is a list of items needed on the Narthex Outreach Table. You may leave donations in the baskets or on the Outreach Table. If you would like to donate money, make a check out to Messiah Lutheran with "Back to School Drive" in the memo line and drop it in the offering plate. The Learning Academy is so appreciative of this supply drive, and it's a great way to help them start off a new school year!

Support A Bed. Support A Child Be a Bed Sponsor

Messiah will be building beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace on **Saturday, October 3**. To help make this ministry possible, we are seeking **30**

Bed Sponsors to contribute **\$200 each** to fund the materials for 30 beds.

Visit the display in the Narthex to learn more and become a sponsor.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are multiple ways you can support Messiah in its ministries:

- **Join the Evangelism Ministry** if you would like to help grow Messiah and meet new people. Contact Claire Williams (912.658.4114; cwilliams17@comcast.net).
- **Volunteer to be an usher** if you can help greet people and assist them during worship. Contact George Lawrence (912.484.2818; mppggl13@gmail.com).
- **Be a Reader** who shares the Welcome and Announcements and leads the Readings at worship. Contact Diana Wilson (912.656.0893; geoffdiskid@gmail.com).

THE ARTS AT MESSIAH

Friday, August 14, 7:00 pm

The last concert of the 2026 season will feature two internationally acclaimed musicians. Their program will showcase some of the best works for their winning combination of instruments and is sure to be pure musical magic!

Praised for his "extreme finesse" and "boundless energy," **Russell Iceberg** leads a dynamic career as a solo violinist and chamber musician, concertizing throughout Canada, the United States, and Europe. He is a graduate of McGill University's Schulich School of Music and Northwestern University's Bienen School of Music. Mr. Iceberg performs on a rare violin made in 1761

by Nicolò Gagliano on generous loan from a private sponsor.

Felix Hong has emerged as one of Canada's most promising young pianists. Born in Taipei, Taiwan, Mr. Hong studied with Ilya Poletaev at

the Schulich School of Music of McGill University in Montreal and completed his Bachelor of Music, plus an Artist Diploma.

No reservations are required. No admission charge, but a suggested donation of \$20 per person would be most welcome.

SERMON NOTES FOR SUNDAY, JULY 26

Depression and Burnout (Elijah, Part 4)

Ken Ritz, Director of Faith Formation

Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them." Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep...

1 Kings 19:1-5

How To Get Depressed In 4 Easy Steps

- Wear Yourself Out.
- Shut People Out.
- Focus On The Negative.
- Forget God's Faithfulness.

God's Prescription For Depression / Burnout

1) _____ Your Body.

All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

1 Kings 19:7-8

continued

2) _____ Your Lies With God's Truth.

There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the Lord came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

1 Kings 19:9-10

3) _____ On God.

The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before 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 came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

1 Kings 19:11-12

4) _____ Serving Others.

The Lord said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet."

1 Kings 19:15-16

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