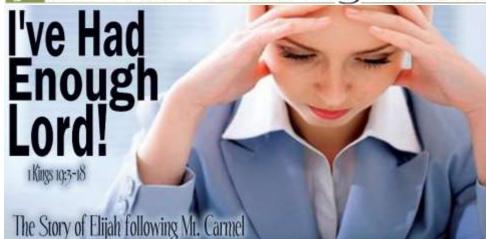
Sermon Listening Guide



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or <u>everything that was written in the past</u> was written to teach us, so
that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we
might have <u>hope</u>.

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1. Our discouragement in losing

1 Kings 19:3–5, NLT -³ Elijah was afraid and fled for his life. He went to Beersheba, a town in Judah, and he left his servant there. ⁴ Then he went on alone into the wilderness, traveling all day. He sat down under a solitary broom tree and prayed that he might die. "<u>I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life</u>, for I am no better than my ancestors who have already died." ⁵ Then he lay down and slept under the broom tree. But as he was sleeping, an angel touched him and told him, "Get up and eat!"

1 Kings 19:4, MSG -⁴ ... He came to a lone broom bush and collapsed in its shade, <u>wanting in the worst way to be done with it all—to just die</u>: "Enough of this, GOD! Take my life—I'm ready to join my ancestors in the grave!"

- We want to give up when we feel physically drained.
- We want to give up when we feel emotionally deserted.
- We want to give up when we feel spiritually depleted.

2. God's direction for regaining

A. Don't give up—get up! (Take care of your body)

1 Kings 19:5–8, NASB95 -⁵ He <u>lay down and slept under a juniper tree;</u> and behold, there was an angel touching him, and he said to him, <u>"Arise,</u> <u>eat.</u>" ⁶ Then he looked and behold, there was at his head a bread cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. So, he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷ The angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise, eat, because the journey is too great for you." ⁸ So he arose and ate and drank, and <u>went in the strength of that</u> food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mountain of God.

B. Don't give up—listen up (for God's voice)

1 Kings 19:11–13, NASB95 -¹¹ 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. ¹² After the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. And behold, a voice came to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

C. Don't give up—*link up* (with God's people)

1 Kings 19:10, NIV84 - ¹⁰ He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. <u>I am</u> the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

1 Kings 19:15–18, NASB95 -¹⁵ The LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus, and when you have arrived, you shall anoint <u>Hazael</u> king over Aram; ¹⁶ and <u>Jehu</u> the son of Nimshi you shall anoint king over Israel; and <u>Elisha</u> the son of <u>Shaphat</u> of Abel-meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ "It shall come about, the one who escapes from the sword of <u>Hazael</u>, Jehu shall put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall put to death.

• There are people who need you and you need them.

D. Don't give up-look up (to God-He is still with you)

1 Kings 19:18, NIV84 - ¹⁸ Yet I reserve <u>seven thousand in Israel</u>—<u>all</u> whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and <u>all whose mouths have</u> not kissed him."