STUDY GUIDE

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[setting it up]

Describe a time when your faith in the Lord was at one of its weakest points or at one of its strongest points. Can you describe why and what happened next?

On a Scale of 1 (struggling) to 10 (strong) where would you put your faith in the Lord right now?

[digging deeper]

Read part of Elijah's ministry season found in 1 Kings 18:16-19:18.

In one sentence, summarize what stood out to you.

We find Elijah on one mountain bold, courageous and victorious. A turn of the page or two and in just 4-5 weeks now he's hundreds of miles away on another mountain feeling discouraged, afraid, and isolated. What happened in his head and heart to get him to that place?

How does that relate to what you have experienced, even in the last month or two?

Describe your thoughts on how God showed up for Elijah.

If God were to ask you, "Why are you here?" - meaning why you are in the place you are in, feeling what you are feeling, wondering why you were on your own "Mt Horeb" - where would the "here" be (attitude, relationship, choices, etc.)?

Was it insensitive of God to immediately call a fragile and discouraged Elijah back into action? Wouldn't it make more sense to wait for Elijah to "feel" ready? Why or why not?

For those struggling in their faith, here are some additional verses of encouragement and insight:

John 16:33 Acts 14:22 Romans 5:1-5 Psalm 16:8

Isaiah 40: 31 Isaiah 41:10 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

[living it out]

Going back to your 1-10 answer at the beginning, where do you want it to be? What's your next best step to get there? How can this LifeGroup or someone else help you?

Engage in the <u>May Challenge</u> to help feed your strong faith or help renew your struggling faith.

Take one of the verses from today's time and pray it in a bold and declarative way back to the Lord, as a confident beloved child of God holding firmly to the promises of their Heavenly Father. Maybe even write that verse down as a "go-to" memory verse when you are struggling in your faith.