

Resignation or Restoration?

1 Kings 19:1-19:18

Elijah's predicament.

- 1.) Everyone has felt like giving up at some time or the other.
- 2.) Even giving up the spiritual battle when it waxes hot, frustrations build, and energies ebb.
- 3.) We must face the question, "What do I do when I feel like giving up?"
- 4.) Here we find Elijah "the prophet of fire" hiding under a juniper tree. [context]

What are the alternatives when you feel like giving up?

1- You Can Resign.

- 1.) This was Elijah's first thought! [Quit the Prophet business!]
- 2.) This is a normal response to pressure. [Search for alternatives]
- 3.) You've got to ask yourself, "Is it worth it? Why did I commit myself?"

2- You Can Become Resigned.

- 1.) Elijah, "Nobody else is doing their job, why me."
- 2.) To be resigned is not to quit but to quit caring. [Love grown cold]
- 3.) Are you still going on with your but your heart is not in it?

3- Or, You Can Re-Sign.

- 1.) More fully committed! [Illus Coach don't cross the sideline w/o commitment]
- 2.) Why did God have the things happen to him as they did? [depressed!]
(1) Rest (v. 5) (2) Refreshment (vv. 5-8) (3) Long journey (v. 8)
- 3.) God asked Elijah the same question twice. (V 9c, 13c)
- 4.) After God's reasoning process Elijah is ready for new orders. (vv. 9-18)

5.) Don't make any split second decisions when you feel like giving up.

6.) You can get back into your dream!!! Re-Sign!!!