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**BIG IDEA | Don't just know the Word of God. Know the God of the Word.**

**1 Kings 19:1-4 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup> When Ahab got home, he told Jezebel everything Elijah had done, including the way he had killed all the prophets of Baal. <sup>2</sup> So Jezebel sent this message to Elijah: “May the gods strike me and even kill me if by this time tomorrow I have not killed you just as you killed them.”

<sup>3</sup> Elijah was afraid and fled for his life. He went to Beersheba, a town in Judah, and he left his servant there. <sup>4</sup> 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. “I have had enough, Lord,” he said. “Take my life, for I am no better than my ancestors who have already died.”

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**1 Kings 19:5-8 (NLT)**

<sup>5</sup> 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!” <sup>6</sup> He looked around and there beside his head was some bread

baked on hot stones and a jar of water! So he ate and drank and lay down again.

<sup>7</sup> Then the angel of the Lord came again and touched him and said, “Get up and eat some more, or the journey ahead will be too much for you.”

<sup>8</sup> So he got up and ate and drank, and the food gave him enough strength to travel forty days and forty nights to Mount Sinai, the mountain of God.

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God meets us with grace, not shame.**

### **1 Kings 19:9-13 (NLT)**

<sup>9</sup> There he came to a cave, where he spent the night.

The Lord Speaks to Elijah

But the Lord said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

<sup>10</sup> Elijah replied, “I have zealously served the Lord God Almighty. But the people of Israel have broken their covenant with you, torn down your altars, and killed every one of your prophets. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too.”

<sup>11</sup> “Go out and stand before me on the mountain,” the Lord told him. And as Elijah stood there, the Lord passed by, and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain. It was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the

earthquake. <sup>12</sup> And after the earthquake there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And a voice said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

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### **1 Kings 19:14-18 (NLT)**

<sup>14</sup> He replied again, “I have zealously served the Lord God Almighty. But the people of Israel have broken their covenant with you, torn down your altars, and killed every one of your prophets. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too.”

<sup>15</sup> Then the Lord told him, “Go back the same way you came, and travel to the wilderness of Damascus. When you arrive there, anoint Hazael to be king of Aram. <sup>16</sup> Then anoint Jehu grandson of Nimshi to be king of Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from the town of Abel-meholah to replace you as my prophet. <sup>17</sup> Anyone who escapes from Hazael will be killed by Jehu, and those who escape Jehu will be killed by Elisha! <sup>18</sup> Yet I will preserve 7,000 others in Israel who have never bowed down to Baal or kissed him!”

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God reveals Himself in a whisper.  
Peace comes when we know we're not alone.**

## GROUPS QUESTIONS:

1. What do you usually do when life feels overwhelming or out of control?
2. In what ways do we sometimes try to "force" peace instead of seeking God's stillness?
3. Read 1 Kings 19:1-18. When have you, like Elijah, felt spiritually exhausted or afraid-even after a spiritual high or victory?  
What does this reveal about the difference between knowing God's Word and truly knowing God Himself?
4. "You can quote Scripture and still be empty." Have you experienced a time when you knew what the Bible said, but still felt disconnected from God? What helped reconnect you to His presence?
5. What distractions or "loud noises" in your life make it hard to hear God's whisper? How can you create space for stillness?
6. What's the difference between using Scripture to win arguments or survive trials-and letting it change your heart?  
Which one are you more prone to?
7. Elijah thought he was alone-but he wasn't. Why is it so easy to believe we're the only ones struggling or standing for God?  
How can community help reshape that narrative?
8. Think of the swordsman illustration. How can we become more like a spiritual swordsman-trusting the Word not just as a weapon, but as a source of peace and confidence?

9. "Let the whisper guide your next step." What is God whispering to you right now in this season? How can you respond in trust rather than fear or striving?