



Week 5

Finding Your Song in Your Sorrow

Mountain Top Experience



And in the daytime He was teaching in the temple, but at night He went out and stayed on the mount called Olivet. Luke 21:37.

Jesus often went into the mountains to pray, sleep and teach.

In the Bible, significant events almost always took place on mountains. Check it out: Noah's ark rested on Mount Ararat; the Law was given on Mount Sinai; Moses's burning bush experience was on Mount Horeb; Elijah defeated Jezebel and Baal on Mount Carmel; Jesus's Beatitudes are called "The Sermon on the Mount;" Jesus struggled in the garden on the Mount of Olives; He was transfigured on Mount Hermon, and was crucified on Mount Calvary. Maybe it's because I live in the mountains that I notice this.

You may not have access to a mountain, but you do have access to the questions God asked people on the mountains. Did you ever notice that the God of the Bible is really the only God/god who reasons with His people? He even told Isaiah, "come, let us reason together." Most gods are portrayed as being fierce and made to be revered, not to be reasoned with or questioned, but not our God.

On Mount Horeb, God asked Moses, "what's in your hand?" This is also where He asked Elijah, "What are you doing here?" It's not like God didn't know the answers to these questions but he wanted man to explore the answers for themselves. These are two very significant questions we can allow God to ask us today as we stand on the peak of life.

For years after my son's death, I asked God, "What are You doing here?" Like Elijah in this story, after the earthquake, fire, and whirlwind, I finally heard God's still small voice asking me, "what are you doing here?" Exploring the answer to these two questions began my song.

Moses's answer to God's question "what's in your hand?" seemed obvious; a staff. But God used that common staff to part the Red Sea, bring water out of a rock, and free the children of Israel.

Today, go somewhere free of distraction and allow God to ask you these two questions: "What are you doing here?" and "What's in your hand?" Look past the obvious and reason with the God of the Universe.



Discovery Dialog with your Composer: Read this passage in its entirety and answer the question, "what are you doing here?" Feel free to voice your complaint as Elijah did. I Kings 19:9-14.

Prayer: Lord, You've shared gifts, talents and life experiences with me. Show me what's "in my hand" that I may use to honor You and help others.

Selah: I will use "what's in my hand" today to glorify You.

