

## God's grace when we complain

### 1 Kings 19:9b-18 (Elijah's flight – part 2)

- I. God responded to Elijah's complaints by asking for his **trust**: *I'm still at work Elijah, just not the way you wanted* (1 Kings 19:9b-14).
  - A. Elijah complained to God about his ministry (9b-10)
    - Whining: My zeal hasn't made a difference.
    - Accusing: Your cause is failing, God.
    - Exaggerating: I'm the only faithful one and they are threatening my life.
  - B. God showed Elijah he had power to judge, but He wanted Elijah to find peace in trusting Him (11-13).
    - God was not in the wind, earthquake or fire, but in a gentle breeze.
    - God's plan in a sinful world is often patient grace, not immediate judgment (2 Pet. 3:9)
    - God's plan is often to just rest in his presence, not answer dramatically.
  - C. Elijah persisted in his negativity (14).
  
- II. God responded to Elijah's complaints by asking for his **obedience**: *I'm still in charge so listen and obey* (1 Kings 19:15-18).
  - A. *Get back to work* – Make 3 appointments I will use to judge Israel (15-17).
  - B. *Get help* – Appoint Elisha to succeed you (17b).
  - C. *Get over your pride and pessimism* – You're wrong about being the only faithful one (18).