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DAILY DEVOTION

GET OUT OF YOUR CAVE

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1 KINGS 19:9 NIV 9 There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

Elijah was hiding in a cave, fearful, discouraged, and confused.

Why?

Elijah knew God and had seen God do mighty things, even in answer to his own prayers as a consuming fire. Yet he was human, just like the rest of us.

JAMES 5:17 NIV 17 Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.

Elijah had only one real problem, and it was not the adversaries he faced. It was that he got his focus off God and onto himself.

God seems amazed at Elijah's hiding. Is like God was thinking, "Doesn't Elijah know that I am greater than all his adversaries? Doesn't Elijah know that I will help him?"

I would paraphrase the verse above as, "What in the world are you doing here, Elijah? Have you forgotten who your God is? Have you forgotten who you are, a servant of Almighty God?"

Elijah was human -- just like us -- and we face the same difficulties in life. But just like Elijah, our real problem is not the problems we face -- but our

focus.

We can focus on our inability and lack, or we can focus on God's ability and abundant provision.

Are you hiding in a "cave" today, are you afraid to venture forth and face life? Are you afraid of failure and rejection? Are you discouraged because things haven't worked out like you thought they would?

What are you doing?! Get out of your "cave!"

God is on your side. The Greater One is in you. The Lord is your helper. He has promised to never leave you or forsake you. You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you.

PRAYER: I receive grace, to focus on God, Who loves me, and Who is greater than anything I will ever face in Jesus name.