**Titus Women’s Discipleship Summit**

**30 Days of Devotions**

***“Abide in Me and I in You ... the Key John 15:4*.”**

Day 3

*“Now Elijah, who was from Tishbe in Gilead, told King Ahab, ‘As surely as the Lord, the God of Israel, lives—the God I serve—there will be no dew or rain during the next few years until I give the word!’* ***2****Then the Lord said to Elijah,****3*** *‘Go to the east and hide by Kerith Brook, near where it enters the Jordan River.****4****Drink from the brook and eat what the ravens bring you, for I have commanded them to bring you food.’* ***5****So Elijah did as the Lord told him and camped beside Kerith Brook, east of the Jordan.****6****The ravens brought him bread and meat each morning and evening, and he drank from the brook.”*

1 Kings 17:1-6 (NLT)

When I first read this passage of scripture, I wasn’t sure if I should be patting Elijah on the back for a job well done, or feeling bad for him because God sent him into hiding.

Quite possibly God sent Elijah into hiding because King Ahab and Queen Jezebel were out for his skin after he delivered a message of an impending drought. I wonder if God sent Elijah into hiding not only to protect his life but also to spend time in God’s presence. Psalm 46:10 says,*“Be still, and know that I am God!”* The time Elijah spent in hiding allowed God to prepare him for a magnificent show down three and a half years later. God provided food, water, shelter, protection, and His companionship for Elijah while he was at Kerith Brook. Elijah’s future was in God’s hands. He obeyed God one step at a time, trusting Him, surrendering to the living God.

I also believe God may hide us after we experience a traumatic event. This happened to me after two very difficult times in my life, the deaths of my parents and two life changing health problems. I didn’t think of it as hiding at the time, however looking back I can see it as chunks of time spent with God in a recovery mode if you will. God used those times to draw me closer to Him. No one likes going through difficulties, but I know for myself that God used them and the time afterwards to sweeten our relationship.

Does God have you by a Kerith Brook? Don’t be in a hurry to move on. Immerse yourself in His word, spend time in prayer, both talking and listening. Enjoy being in the presence of the living God.

Prayer

Father it is with humility that I come before You realizing that I have not always maximized my time with You. I ask for Your forgiveness and for Your help in recognizing how You are working in my life. I am humbled as I ponder the idea that You are pleased when we spend time together.

In Your Name Jesus, Amen