**Titus Women’s Discipleship Summit**

**30 Days of Devotions**

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

Day 11

*“Finally the seventh time, his servant told him, ‘I saw a little cloud about the size of a man’s hand rising from the sea.’ Then Elijah shouted, ‘Hurry to Ahab and tell him, ‘Climb into your chariot and go back home. If you don’t hurry, the rain will stop you!’* ***45****And soon the sky was black with clouds. A heavy wind brought a terrific rainstorm, and Ahab left quickly for Jezreel.”* ***46****Then the Lord gave special strength to Elijah. He tucked his cloak into his belt and ran ahead of Ahab’s chariot all the way to the entrance of Jezreel.* 1 Kings 18:44-46 (NLT)

It was going to rain! Elijah had been fervently praying on top of Mount Carmel. At last the servant spots a little cloud the size of a man’s hand. That was enough for Elijah, look at his excitement, it says, he shouted to his servant. In your mind’s eye, can you see Elijah jump up from praying, cup his hands around his mouth and shout to his servant, *“Hurry to Ahab and tell him, ‘Climb into your chariot and go back home. If you don’t hurry, the rain will stop you!’”* Elijah believed that it was going to rain so much and so fast that travel would be impossible.

One thing that the scripture does not indicate is whether Elijah went and looked at the cloud for himself. I don’t think he went to look. Elijah knew and trusted God, believing Him when He said He would send rain.**1**

That small cloud was a huge answer to prayer for Elijah, just as much so as the fire was that God sent from heaven that burned up the offering and altar.**2** When God answers our prayers He may not give us the entire answer at one time. Perhaps it may be that we are not mature enough in our Christian walk to understand God’s answer in its’s entirety, so God gives it to us in snippets. God answered Elijah with a distant small cloud first, before sending a down pour of rain immediately. The servant got to see Elijah live out his relationship with God. Could that small cloud have been especially for Elijah’s servant?

Sometimes the answer to a prayer will have lasting effects, especially on children. One of my grandson’s lost his glasses at school yesterday. When we Facetimed, he wanted to pray, so we prayed that his glasses would turn up today. His teacher called his Mom this morning, his glasses were waiting for him when he got to school. Isn’t God so good that He answers the prayers of a little boy. Oh what a lesson!

Prayer

Jesus, thank You that You hear our prayers, thank You that you care about the little things as well as the big.

Lord I give you praise for the victories at the Discipleship Summit. I know that You have been in every detail of the planning for this event for many, many months. I pray a hedge of protection around the hotel that the event will be held and around every employee. I pray Lord that your hand will be upon every woman who is attending this event, and their families. In Jesus name I pray that you keep them healthy. We come humbly to You and ask for Your wisdom in decision making for ourselves and our families. Would we be steadfast. You Jesus are our rock, in You we will stand!

We trust You Lord, just like Elijah trusted You. Teach us Your ways, keep our eyes clearly focused upon You.

In your name Jesus, Amen

**1**1 Kings 18:1

**2**1 Kings 18:38