**Titus Women’s Discipleship Summit**

**30 Days of Devotions**

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

Day 14

*“Jezebel sent this message to Elijah: ‘May the gods strike me and even kill me if by this time tomorrow I have not killed you just as you killed them.’* ***3****Elijah was afraid and fled for his life. He went to Beersheba, a town in Judah, and he left his servant there.****4****Then he went on alone into the wilderness, traveling all day. He sat down under a solitary broom tree and prayed that he might die. ‘I have had enough, Lord,’ he said. ‘Take my life, for I am no better than my ancestors who have already died.’”* 1 Kings 19:2-4 (NLT)

Elijah ran away. Have you ever run away from home? I have. Most of my runaway trips are to the state park. It’s quiet, beautiful, not crowded, and I can transport myself into another world in just a ten-minute drive away from my house.

After first reading that Elijah became afraid and ran away, I must admit I had mixed emotions. On the one hand I just could not believe he would fall apart. However, the past three-and-one-half years of his life had been hectic to say the least. If superheroes were as popular in Elijah’s day as they are now, then he would have had no problem meeting the requirements. However, Elijah was not a superhero, or super-human, he was just like you and me.**2** Elijah was the hands, feet, and voice of God.

The truth in scripture is important every day, however I can’t think of a more appropriate time to read these two verses considering what is going on in our world today. Look at what James said, *“‘The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.****17****Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years!****18****Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops.’”* **1**

God uses ordinary people, like you and me, to accomplish His work here on earth. A righteous person is one who has a right relationship with God, because of Christ’s sacrificial work on the cross. We become righteous because Christ lives within us. It is God who *“makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.”* **2**

Elijah was a man of prayer. He had an open line of communication with God, and so do we. God hears our prayers!

Prayer

Father,

I come before You believing that You do hear my prayers. You Lord are my Hope, it is in You I put my trust, it is in You that I can rest. I bring every concern I have to the foot of Your throne and I trust You with each one of them. You alone are my fortress, my refuge, I will not fear.

Lord, our world is shaken by this pandemic, I come humbly as Your child, praising You for being the great physician. I pray in the name of Jesus, asking that You put a halt to the spread of this virus! I praise You today for Your graciousness in doing that. I ask for Your wisdom in how to maneuver through the days during this crisis.

Lord I pray for Your protection over my family, friends, church family, my community. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (list them by name). It is my heart’s desire that You protect them from this virus, however I also ask that You draw them closer to You. If they do not know You as their Lord and Savior, I pray that today is the day they will call You, Savior.

Jesus, I pray for all those people who do not have someone to pray for them. I don’t know them by name, but You do. For every man, woman, teenager, and child, who sleeps on the street, in a rescue, in an orphanage, in a foster home, in prison, in a hospital, in a rehabilitation facility, in a refugee camp, in a nursing home, in a hospice bed, in a car, in a tent, or in a box. Oh, Jesus will You lay down next to them tonight, will You whisper in their ear and tell them how much You love them. Jesus will You sing to them tonight with joyful songs, will You calm their fears, and Jesus, will You be the lamp that lights up their darkness tonight.**3**

*“I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.”* Romans 15:13

**1** James 5:16b-18

**2** Romans 3:26

**3** Zephaniah 3:17, 2 Samuel 22:29