

REIGN

A STUDY OF I & II KINGS

Unmet Expectations

1 Kings 19:1-18

1. Look for God's grace . (v1-8)
2. Submit to God's reign . (v9-14)
3. Trust in God's plan . (v15-18)

Application:

- Warning: Watch out for growing bitterness.
- Step into God's plan.

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MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. Share about a time your expectations went unmet. What happened? How did you deal with it?
2. Read 1 Kings 19:1-9a. What do you think it was like for Elijah to receive Jezebel's threat? How do you think you would have responded? Are you surprised by God's care for Elijah? Why or why not?
3. Why is it hard at times to "look for God's grace" when you are feeling like God has not done his part? List at least three ways God's grace is evident in your life right now.
4. Read 1 Kings 19:9b-14. What stands out to you in God's interaction with Elijah? Why does it help us to remember that God is reigning over events in the world and events in our lives?
5. Is God speaking to you about any unmet expectations you have against him? Share about something you need to bring to him to "submit to his reign."
6. Read 1 Kings 9:15-18. As you read about God's plan for Elijah's life, how is God asking you to "trust in His plan" for your own life?

Memory Verse

"Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel – all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him."

1 Kings 19:18