



# SERMON NOTES

Week 3 September 5, 2021

“Now and Then”

1 Kings 19



- I. **Review**
  - A. The reason we worry is because we can't control the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Jesus wasn't saying the things we worry about aren't \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. Jesus says you conquer worry by \_\_\_\_\_ your life to God's agenda for your life.
- II. **Prophet Elijah – A Warning and a Contest**
  - A. King Ahab led \_\_\_\_\_ away from the things of God and the law of God.
  - B. Elijah warned King Ahab that God was not happy with the way he was leading the people and he was going to get his attention by having it \_\_\_\_\_ raining.
  - C. After Elijah defeats the prophets of \_\_\_\_\_ all the people said, “we're thinking Yahweh is probably God and Baal is probably not.”
- III. **Elijah on the Run**
  - A. Like Elijah, many of us forgot about God's past \_\_\_\_\_ because of a threat about tomorrow.
  - B. Like Elijah, many of us who are so stressed out about the uncertainty of tomorrow begin to \_\_\_\_\_ (physically or mentally).
  - C. Like Elijah, we think we know all there is to know, but we don't know what God knows about the \_\_\_\_\_.
- IV. **Application**
  - A. Write down your stories of God's faithfulness in your life.
  - B. As Elijah learned the hard way, we're simply to do what we know to do today and we're to trust God with tomorrow.
  - C. Stop running emotionally or physically because of worry and go back where God wants you.

***Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message***

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# ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE *September 6-11, 2021*

## INTRODUCTION

We rarely worry about the present. What we really worry about is what may or may not happen in the future. And we usually forget what has happened in the past. We forget about how our worries didn't alleviate our fears. In this week's message, we learned about a person who forgot about God's past faithfulness. His worries drove him to a place emotionally, spiritually, physically, and relationally he should never have gone. And in response, God asked him a very important question that continues to speak to us today.

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### Monday: Matthew 6:24-34

Over the past two weeks we have looked at this statement about worry from Jesus. Jesus knew that worry can keep us from being the people he has called us to be. Finish this statement When I begin to worry, I... (e.g., am less productive at work; am less sensitive to others; can't concentrate or make wise decisions)

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### Tuesday: I Kings 18

God shows his faithfulness to Elijah on several occasions. Yet, later on in his life, Elijah allowed his worries to crowd out the memories of God's past faithfulness. What can you do to remember God's past faithfulness during your present times of worry?

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### Wednesday: 1 Kings 19:1-18

Elijah had allowed his worries to drive him to places he should never have gone. What is the worst place that worrying has taken you?

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### Thursday: Deuteronomy 31:1-6

Moses reminds the people of Israel that God will never leave them or forsake them. When have you experienced God's faithfulness in helping you through past difficult circumstances?

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### Friday: Proverbs 3:5-6

What would your life look like if you trusted God with your tomorrow and did all you could today?

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## MOVING FORWARD

Just like Elijah, when our worries overwhelm us, we retreat to places we should never go. We forget about God's past faithfulness, because we are too concerned with the uncertainty of the future. God's invitation to us every day is to go back—go back and fully engage with the reality of today, trusting that God is more concerned for your tomorrow than you ever need to be.

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*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) future, B) important, C) surrendering. IIA) Israel, B) stop. IIC) Baal. IIIA) faithfulness, B) run, C) future.*