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“All these things happened to them as examples; and it is written for our warning on whom the ends of the world have come. So let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has taken you but what is common to man; but **God** is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able, but with the temptation also will make a way to escape, so that **you** may be able to bear it.” ⇨ 1 Corinthians 10:11-13.

The word *temptation* above literally means *proof by testing*, and the word picture of this *test* is a sword piercing us and coming out the other side! The rest of this Scripture passage literally refers to us *peacefully exiting* this do-able test *once we undergo it*. God is in full control, including when evil is used in our testing process ⇨ Romans 8:28.

“And the angel of Jehovah came to him the second time and touched him, and said, Arise, eat, because **the journey is too great for you.**” ⇨ 1 Kings 19:7. Understand this:

God **does** allow tests that are greater than what ***we alone*** can bear but not greater than what ***He in us*** can bear... why? To **pass the test** so we can **move on to greater things**.

All of the above Scriptures illustrate this truth... which can be very difficult to endure.

Look at what a **journey too great** consists of ⇨ 1 Kings 17-19. Elijah was obediently following God’s calling for his life ⇨ 1 Kings 19:10. It was in this good, pleasing and perfect will of God ⇨ Romans 12:2 that Elijah was so harassed by his enemy that he wanted to die! ⇨ 1 Kings 19:4. This **journey was too great** for him to accomplish alone.

Do not think this truth is a matter of failure: anticipating His crucifixion, Jesus told God He did not want to do it but would if God wanted Him to ⇨ Luke 22:41-42. God did want Him to, so in response to Jesus’ submission, God sent Jesus supernatural strength from Heaven ⇨ Luke 22:43; **the trial was unbearable alone, but not unbearable with God.**

Therefore, you and I also need to learn and own this lesson. Our tests and trials do not necessarily mean we did something wrong ⇨ John 16:33, but rather that God wants us to **include Him in passing our test**. Christianity is relationship with God; He wants to do things **together!** Perversions of Christianity exist, ranging from laziness of abusing grace to shirk responsibility to legalism of doing works of humanism to earn religious ‘points’.

We need to remember this in the suddenness of extreme tests in our life, as Jesus did and Elijah needed to. Reaping such success **then** comes by sowing for it **now**. Both Jesus and Elijah had interactive communication with God as a lifestyle; intimate relationship. It is a bad idea to wait until a crisis hits to realize that we always and desperately need God. **We need continuous urgency with overflowing thankfulness in our relationship with God.**

Notice 1 Kings 19:11-13 ⇨ Elijah needed the comfort of God’s voice, and popular human methods of false comfort are exposed: big, boom, bang, but not God. God’s voice was in the quietness of intimacy. **As soon as** Elijah discerned it, two-way communication flowed. **THIS IS A HUGE CLUE TO THOSE WHO WANT TO HEAR GOD’S VOICE:** God mostly speaks as an intimate lover, and not as a call-me-when-you-want-me whore.

Married life works the same way: when the **journey** seems **too great** for us, we need to **include our spouse in the trial**, intimately. God has a way through... to a blessing. ♥