

Opening prayer #2: For the people who will open their mouth and open their heart, you will feel it, God. We say, I need you, Lord. This moment, I need you, Lord. For this decision, I need you, Lord. I thank you that you're not far away. I pray that you would receive your glory in this place today. I pray that you would receive your honor in this place today. You're a worthy king. We love you and we worship you. It's a privilege to be in your presence. Thank you for calling us by name and for making us yours. Thank you for giving us another day. Another day to sing your praise. Another day to experience your grace. Another day to flow in your goodness. Another day to see your mercy. Another day to make a difference. Another day to shine a light. Another day for us to say, you are God. And we love you and we praise you. And we clap our hands to celebrate you, Jesus. Amen.

Charles Spurgeon Moment (CSM) – What does CS have to say about Echo Chambers: “It is the extreme of unwisdom for a young man fresh from college, or from another charge, to suffer himself to be earwigged by a clique, and to be bribed by kindness and flattery to become a partisan... Know nothing of parties and cliques, but be the pastor of all the flock, and care for all alike.” Twisting Truth to Fit Bias: “Men who might have been wise have remained fools because they thought they were wise... They do not come to the Bible to obtain their views of religion, but they open that Book to find texts to suit the opinions which they bring to it.” Additional commentary: Echo chambers thrive on mutual praise and the exclusion of dissent. Spurgeon urged believers to welcome criticism rather than insulation.”

General Church stuff:

- Interested in serving at Elevation Church: See: www.elevationchurch.org
- Please consider joining an eGroup (small group) so you don't have to walk this walk alone – See www.elevationchurch.org. The “e” stands for empowerment - because getting the instructions from God without having the empowerment to live them out will frustrate you. These groups are our way of putting some very wonderful people in front of you feed you spiritually.
- Stay out of “isolation silos” - you are an easy target for the enemy – and you don't have the benefit of friends to support you. Embrace the power of numbers.
- Interested in leading an eGroup? See: www.elevationchurch.org
- Don't over-think it – Invite someone to church – “Who do you know that is close to you that is far from God?”
- What are your Gr8ful eight?
- **Elevation Nights Tour: October 9–18, 2026 — Lubbock (TX), Dallas (TX), Oklahoma City (OK), Houston (TX), then home. Described as a full worship, preaching, prayer, and breakthrough experience. Details: elevationknights.com.**
- **Elevation College launching next week! See: <https://www.elevationcollege.com/>**
- **Reflect 2026 at Elevation – see <https://www.elevationchurch.org> › reflect - Sep 25, 2025 — 7:00P M ET. Reflect is a time where women across our church join together to deepen our faith and celebrate the goodness of God.**

Sermon Summary: Sometimes the loudest voice in your life is the one in your own head. In this sermon, Pastor Steven preaches from Elijah's story in 1 Kings 19 to show us how exhaustion and isolation can cause us to replay the wrong things. But when fear tells us to run, we can “run it back” and remember what God has already done. Even when we're tired, discouraged, or don't have the words to pray, God is still with us. We learn how to stop living in the echo of our past, listen for God's voice, and step out of the cave into what He's calling us to next.

Sermon Highlights

- Pastor Steven summarized the sermon with three points:
- He didn't really pray (Elijah didn't actually ask God to do anything about it).

- God came anyway (Even though Elijah didn't ask, God still saw him).
- He didn't stay (When God spoke, Elijah moved).
- The part you replay has a lot to do with how you feel.
- Is it possible that the thing you're worried about is never even going to happen? Elijah doesn't die.
- A real prayer is when you can go from saying how it is to how God can make it different.
- When you feel empty you have to get intentional because if you don't fill that space, the enemy will.
- When you're empty you forget your victories and fixate on your enemy.
- Run it back right.
- A cave is a place where you feel safe, but it makes you more anxious.
- Elijah didn't really pray in the cave, and God came anyway.
- When you reply with "I" it fills the cave so you can't hear the whisper.
- It's not the threat that kills me, it's the way I let it echo.
- I'm choosing to live by the whisper.

New Glossary

- **"Thanksausted" is when you're thankful, but exhausted.**
- **"Blessure" is feeling blessed, but under pressure.**

Scriptures

1 Kings 19:1-19: Elijah Flees to Horeb - 19 Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. 2 So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them." 3 Elijah was afraid[a] and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, 4 while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." 5 Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." 6 He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. 7 The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." 8 So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. 9 There he went into a cave and spent the night. The Lord Appears to Elijah - And the word of the Lord came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 10 He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." 11 The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. 12 After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. 13 When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 14 He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." 15 The Lord said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. 16 Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. 17 Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. 18 Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him."

The Call of Elisha - 19 So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. 20 Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye," he said, "and then I will come with you."

James 5:17-18: 17 Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. 18 Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

Philippians 4:6-7: 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Sermon Discussion

This is the 5th sermon in the series, I Know That Voice. Which one has been the most meaningful to you so far?

- **It's Hard To Hear God** – Have you been wondering how to hear God's voice? If disappointment, comparison, fear, or uncertainty have made it difficult to know your next step, **this message from Pastor Steven Furtick will help you discover what the Bible says about recognizing, trusting, and obeying God's direction.**
- **When Jesus Is Your Jury** – What is the voice in your head saying about you? When you're wrestling with self-limiting beliefs, it's tempting to try to impress people to prove yourself. But that only fuels the unfulfilling cycle of performance. **Pastor Steven teaches us how to find freedom from human opinion and reach a new verdict about our worth so we can walk in our purpose.**
- **Take Your Notes On The Boat!** – Have you ever wished God would explain why you're going through something? You don't always need a new word from God — sometimes you need to remember the one He's already spoken. **If you've been looking for peace, clarity, or confidence in a difficult season, discover how God's Word can help you trust Him even before you have all the answers.**
- **What If I Got It Wrong?** – Is it wrong to doubt God? **When we face resistance, or God doesn't come through like we're expecting, it's natural to wonder if we heard Him wrong. But it turns out that doubt isn't really the problem. It's what you do with your doubt that matters.**
- **Death By Echo (Run It Back)** – What's been on your mind? Sometimes the loudest voice in your life is the one in your own head. In this sermon, Pastor Steven teaches from Elijah's story in 1 Kings 19 and shows us what to do when fear, exhaustion, and discouragement get loud.

Additional sermon discussion:

- "Is it possible that the thing you're worried about is never even going to happen? Elijah doesn't die." Can you think of a time you were very worried about something and it never happened?
- "The part you replay has a lot to do with how you feel." What's been replaying in your mind lately? Do you see any connection between that and how you've been feeling?
- "When you feel empty you have to get intentional because if you don't fill that space, the enemy will." What are some ways we can fill that space so we can hear God's whisper instead of our own echo?
- "A cave is a place where you feel safe, but it makes you more anxious." What cave do you think God is calling you out of? Replay the ravens. Run it back right." Let's have a praise break.

Elevation church prayer: Pastor Steven said, “A real prayer is when you can go from saying how it is to how God can make it different.” “Dear Lord, we lift up these prayers to You. You’ve seen each one and know the weight each prayer carries. We bring these bold prayers of faith, knowing that we can trust You to come through and provide in even the darkest cave. We thank You for Your faithfulness and we believe we’ll see it again. Amen.”

AI generated sermon recap:

Elijah’s cave, God’s whisper, and death by echo

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Overview: A worship-filled service transitions into a sermon within the “I know that voice” series centered on 1 Kings 19. The message contrasts God’s gentle whisper with the amplified “echo” of fear, regret, and self-focus in Elijah’s cave. Core thesis: Jezebel’s threat was empty, but Elijah’s emptiness let it echo. Three main points frame the talk: he didn’t really pray; God came anyway; he didn’t stay (in the cave). Listeners are urged to stop replaying threats and regrets, “run back” God’s faithfulness, shift prayers from “I” to “You,” and come out of the cave.

Worship, gratitude, and community

- Corporate gratitude for Jesus’ presence, healing, salvation, freedom, victory, and “breakthrough.” Call to “release the burden,” heaviness, and self-reliance; repeated cry: “I need you, Lord.”
- Affirmation of the congregation’s singing; reminder that what happens in the room extends to thousands online, called eFam (online family).

Announcements

- Elevation Rhythm tour: team members highlighted (Nate, Otis, Nick).
- Elevation Nights: October 9–October 18; “elevationknives.com”; cities listed: Kansas City (MO), Memphis (TN), Birmingham (AL), San Antonio (TX), Lubbock (TX), Dallas (TX), Oklahoma City (OK), Houston (TX). The preacher will be present for Elevation Nights.

Series context and Scripture (1 Kings 19)

- Reading: Ahab tells Jezebel of Elijah’s victory; Jezebel threatens, “May the gods deal with me... if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.” Elijah flees, prays under a broom bush, “I’ve had enough, Lord... take my life.”
- Twice an angel touches Elijah: “Get up and eat.” Fed bread and water; strength for 40 days and nights to Horeb (mountain of God). In a cave, God asks, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”
- Wind, earthquake, fire—“but the Lord was not in” them; then a “gentle whisper.” God repeats the question; Elijah repeats his complaint.
- God’s instructions: “Go back the way you came”; anoint Hazael king over Aram; anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel; anoint Elisha son of Shaphat (Abel Meholah) as prophet. God reserves 7,000 who have not bowed to Baal.
- Elijah leaves, finds Elisha plowing with 12 yoke of oxen, and throws his cloak on him—signaling succession.

Main message: Death by echo

- **Thesis: The enemy aims to steal, kill, and destroy not by Jezebel’s power, but via “death by echo”—letting threats, shame, and self-talk ricochet in the cave. Jezebel’s threat is empty (“What gods?”) given God’s proven supremacy at Carmel; Elijah’s vulnerability is his emptiness.**
- Three core points

- He didn't really pray: Elijah slips from petition into complaint and escape ("kill me"). Distinction drawn between venting and true prayer. Philippians 4:6—present requests by prayer and petition with thanksgiving. Challenge: have you made a specific request yet?
- God came anyway: Even without perfect prayer, God feeds, speaks, and seeks Elijah in the cave—grace initiates.
- He didn't stay: Elijah ultimately leaves the cave to obey God's next steps (anointings; calling Elisha).

Emotional dynamics: Winning and worn out

After big victories (Carmel, rain), Elijah is depleted—"thanks-austed" (thankful + exhausted), experiencing blessing and pressure simultaneously ("Blessure").

Applications: New parents, newlyweds, and anyone carrying new responsibilities can be grateful and grumpy at once; blessing doesn't cancel pressure.

Replaying the wrong things: Personal illustrations: forgetting to say "what if God got it right" in a sermon; spiraling after a holiday outburst with packing peanuts—tormenting himself over what others didn't even notice.

Principle: The enemy can torment with untrue scenarios. When empty, the enemy feels real and victories feel invisible; you forget victories and fixate on threats.

Instruction: "Run it back" rightly—replay the ravens by the brook Cherith, the resurrection of the widow's son, the fire on Carmel, the rain after drought. Remember God's track record rather than Jezebel's words.

The cave and the whisper: The cave feels safe but breeds anxiety and shame; addictions and avoidance are modern caves. The cave has a "mouth"—it talks back; self-talk echoes ("I... I... I...").

God offers not spectacle but intimacy: a whisper and a better question—"What are you doing here, Elijah?"

Shift the prayer from "I, I, I" to "You, You, You"—"You have brought me this far... You are able to keep me from falling... You will get the glory."

Resurrection frame: "This cave is not my grave." Jesus' borrowed tomb (likened to a cave) is empty—if he rose, we can come out. The echo of heaven: "holy... worthy... hallelujah."

Ministry response: Call for honesty from those "in the cave"; many raise hands and declare, "I'm coming out of this."

Prayer: where the Spirit is, there is freedom; God woke the preacher "at 3 a.m." to call people out of the cave.

Corporate praise and "hallelujah" call-and-response to seal commitment to live by the whisper, not the echo.

Practical applications: Present concrete requests to God with thanksgiving (Philippians 4:6); move beyond rehearsing reasons. Stop replaying threats, shame, and regrets; "run back" God's faithfulness (ravens, resurrection, past provisions). Avoid isolation-caves; re-engage calling, people, and assignments God already gave.

Reframe prayer language from "I" to "You," focusing on God's power and promises.

How to prevent death by Echo according to Pastor Steven Furtick on August 16, 2026:

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- **The enemy can torment with untrue scenarios. When empty, the enemy feels real and victories feel invisible; you forget victories and fixate on threats.**
- **The answer to the Echo: Present concrete requests to God with thanksgiving (Philippians 4:6); move beyond rehearsing reasons. Stop replaying threats, shame, and regrets; "run back" God's faithfulness (ravens, resurrection, past provisions). Avoid isolation-caves; re-engage calling, people, and assignments God already gave.**

Upcoming steps and actions

- Spiritual: “Go back the way you came”; act on God’s next instructions; come out of the cave; praise and present requests with thanksgiving.
- Scriptural assignment given to Elijah: anoint Hazael (Aram), anoint Jehu (Israel), and anoint Elisha (successor); recognize the reserved “7,000.”
- Community events: Elevation Rhythm tour (details to be checked); Elevation Nights, October 9–18, “elevationknives.com,” cities: Kansas City (MO), Memphis (TN), Birmingham (AL), San Antonio (TX), Lubbock (TX), Dallas (TX), Oklahoma City (OK), Houston (TX)

Sermon Transcript:

- Opening Prayer #1: Jesus, thank you, Lord. I'm so grateful. I'm so grateful for you, Lord. I'm so grateful for your presence, God. I'm so grateful for your blessings on my life, God. Thank you for your hand. Thank you for your word. Thank you for your spirit. Thank you for living waters. Rivers of living water. Flowing through this place. Healing of God. Flowing in this place. Salvation is in this place. And freedom is in this place. And victory is in this place. And breakthrough is in this place. So take over, Lord. It's all yours anyway. Take over, Lord. Do what you want to do. Take over, Lord. Change what you want to change. Take over, Lord. Try it in my way. It doesn't work. Take over, Lord. If you can use anything, you can use me. Take over, Lord. In this season of my life, God, I bring you all that I have and all that I have. And I surrender it. to you. Lift your hands one more time. As you do, release the burden. As you do, release the heaviness. As you do, release the strain, the tension of trying to do it by yourself. Thank you for sweeping through this place today. Now as you walk up and down the aisles, and you touch the people who are crying out to you, say, I need you Lord. Amen.
- **Opening prayer #2: For the people who will open their mouth and open their heart, you will feel it, God. We say, I need you, Lord. This moment, I need you, Lord. For this decision, I need you, Lord. I thank you that you're not far away. I pray that you would receive your glory in this place today. I pray that you would receive your honor in this place today. You're a worthy king. We love you and we worship you. It's a privilege to be in your presence. Thank you for calling us by name and for making us yours. Thank you for giving us another day. Another day to sing your praise. Another day to experience your grace. Another day to flow in your goodness. Another day to see your mercy. Another day to make a difference. Another day to shine a light. Another day for us to say, you are God. And we love you and we praise you. And we clap our hands to celebrate you, Jesus. Amen.**
- Sometimes I forget to tell you how amazing you are as a church. Just the way you sing. I love to hear you sing. I love to hear them sing on this stage, but I like even better when y'all sing and y'all just sing out of key. Sing the wrong words. Make up your own words. You are absolutely amazing. And I just want you to always remember that what happens here doesn't stay here. Right now, as I open God's word to you, there are thousands and thousands online that we call our eFam joining us all around the world. This message will go all over the world and touch lives. Can we make our eFam feel welcome today in all of our campuses, on every Elevation Church physical location? If there's not a physical location near you, there's a chance that we're going to be visiting you soon.
- We've got two tours coming up. Aren't y'all about to hit the road? Elevation rhythm is coming to a town near you. Maybe. Maybe. You excited about it? Excited to get out and sing with the people? Get a wide shot. It's going to be amazing. Go and check that out. An incredible night of worship.
- Also, Elevation Nights is coming up. Let's thank God for Elevation Nights. I will be there. Get the dates out. Yeah. October 9th through October 18th. And you can go to elevationknives.com. Kansas City, Missouri. Memphis, Tennessee. Birmingham, Alabama. San Antonio, Texas. Lubbock, Texas. Dallas, Texas. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. And Houston, Texas. Come on, shout out like you're from Texas today.
- The Lord has been speaking to us through this series. Would you not agree? I know that voice. And today I want to share with you another installment in this series. I went home and told Holly that was my last sermon in the I know that voice series. And the Lord said, are you sure?

- Because it would be impossible for me to do a series called I know that voice and not stop by this passage of scripture in 1 Kings 19.
- This scripture has brought me immense comfort in times of my life where I felt heavy. It's brought me clarity when I felt crazy. It's brought me endurance when I felt weird. And I want to share it with you today as a personal word. And I'm going to preach it just like the Lord gave it to me. I actually packed two folders when I left the house today. One was the same sermon. And then one was the sermon where I really need the Holy Spirit to help me get it right. And I'm going to preach the second one. All right. Because I believe I'll hear from you a few weeks and months from now about what God speaks today. So tune your heart and turn over to 1 Kings 19. I'm going to read a little bit longer scripture than I normally would. But it's worth it. 1 Kings chapter 19, verse 1.
- "Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that. of one of them. Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it, and prayed that he might die. I've had enough, Lord, he said. Take my life, I am no better than my ancestors. Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, get up. Eat. And I think I might want to make that my life verse right there. I want the Lord to tell me that. Get up and eat. Ice cream. Pizza. Yeah, tacos. Burritos. And I want him to cancel out the calories too because he's God. He can do anything. Wouldn't it be cool if God just touched you and said eat and then touched the food and made it good for you? Come on, if God just gave the briars the nutritional value of broccoli, God can do stuff like that. But I am amazed how Elijah was running away from God and God fed him anyway. Because haven't there been seasons in your life where you knew you were doing the wrong thing? Come over to this side. Haven't there been seasons?
- How many have one of those anyway testimonies? Even when I went the wrong way. He fed me anyway. He kept me anyway. He blessed me anyway. He brought me anyway. So he ate and drank. And then lay down again. Now, verse six says there were by his head, some bread baked over hot coals in a jar of water and he ate and drank and then lay down again. The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, get up and eat for the journey is too much for you. So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled 40 days and 40 nights until he reached for up the mountain of God there. He went into a cave, spent the night. And the word of the Lord came to him. What are you doing here, Elijah? He replied, I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant. They've torn down your altars and they have put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left and now they are trying to kill me too, the Lord said. Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord. For the Lord is about to pass by. Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks. God sent a wind to get Elijah back. But the Lord was not in the wind. He sent the wind, but he was not in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the wind. fire. After the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, I pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, what are you doing here, Elijah? He replied, I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too. The Lord said to him, Go back the way you came, and go to the desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael, king over Aram. Also anoint Jehu, son of Nimshi, king over Israel. And anoint... Elisha, son of Shaphat, from Abel Nahola, to succeed you as prophet. Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael. And Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. Yet I reserve 7,000 in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him. Last verse. So Elijah went from there. found Elisha, son of Shaphat. He was plowing with 12 yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the 12th pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. Thus a new beginning. This is the word of the Lord."

- I have a strange subject today, but I want to talk to you for a few moments about a very particular way that the enemy wants to steal, kill, and destroy in your life. I want to talk to you about “Death by Echo.”
- And don't worry, this sermon has a happy ending. Father, I thank you in the name of Jesus for what you spoke to me. Now, speak it to them. May it echo across this place. In Jesus' name I pray. And everybody said together, amen.
- Clap your hands if you love the Lord and receive his word today. Elijah, in this passage that I just read you, may come across to you as somebody who is emotionally imbalanced, and perhaps he is. He may come across to you as somebody who is ungrateful, and perhaps temporarily his view of what God has done has been blocked by what he's going through. But I think that's a good thing. One of the things that people ask me often after I preach, and it's honestly my favorite thing to, well, it's my least favorite thing to be asked, but it's my favorite thing to answer.
- Because here's what they'll ask sometimes, they'll go, I'll preach, you know, pour your heart out and preach, and they go, hey, so how'd you feel about that? And it's kind of awkward, because when they ask it, it kind of feels like maybe I should feel different about it than how I do feel, because I felt like it was all right. And so you asked me how did I feel about it, it's kind of like, have you ever gone out the house, and then you came back home and your wife saw you for the first time, and she's like, is that what you wore today?
- And it's like, well, yeah, but this is too late to do anything about it. This is it. This is what I wore. What I preached is what I preached. How I feel is how I feel. How do I feel about it? I don't know. How should I feel about it? How did you feel about it? Did you feel like it blessed you? It's just an awkward question to ask. Besides it being an awkward question to answer, it's complicated. Because if I really answered you, the truth is that I always feel like, watch this, I fail at some level. Because I'm trying to speak for God who is perfect and I'm me who is not. So how did I feel? Like I fell short of my goal. And you're always going to feel that way when you're speaking for God.
- Unless you're a narcissist. And so the truth of the matter is when someone is asking me, how did you feel about that? I'm already replaying the message in my brain the way that I meant to say it. And you don't know how I meant to say it. You only know how I said it. So perhaps you thought that I hit the mark, but in my mind it was a mess. Last week was one of those weeks. I preached my whole sermon called what if I got it wrong?
- The message was about how the enemy can beat you up with regret and just cause you to doubt everything down to the core. your faith in Christ. And I meant to say before I left the stage that the better question isn't what if I got it wrong, but what if God got it right? And somehow, no matter how many times I wrote that down in my notes, when I finished my message, I left the stage and did not say that part. And to me, that was not the cherry on top of the sundae, that was the sundae. That was the ice cream, that was the dish, That was the whole thing that I wanted you to hear. But somehow I forgot to say it. So I went home and Holly was in tears. And she was like, that was amazing. That really touched me. And I was like, no, it was terrible. And she's like, what do you mean it was terrible? It touched me. And how is it touching to her and terrible to me?
- **Because I'm replaying the part I didn't say in my mind. And the part that you replay has a lot to do with what you feel. Have you ever replayed the wrong thing in your mind over and over again? Have you ever said something so dumb and then went back and thought about it for days and days and days? Like, why did I say that to them? Really, like, I really said that to them.**
- I don't know if you're trying to pick up a girl, I don't know if you're trying to do a business deal, I don't know if you're just introducing yourself to someone and then you walk away and you're like, Why did I say that? And then you get the chance to see them again and apologize, and you've worked up your entire apology speech for what you said, and you go to say, I'm sorry that I said that. I can't believe I said that to you. And they'll say, I don't remember that. Really?
- (Very funny)I have been tormenting myself over something that wasn't even important enough for you to put in your files? You mean I just said that and beat myself up and you completely forgot about it? I remember one Christmas I was taking out the trash and it had all these packing peanuts in it. And the trash can was full of packing peanuts and the wind was blowing. Well, I think you know where this is going. I pulled the trash can out to the street and the wind blows the packing peanuts every which way. Now remember, I've just preached life. 50 Christmas services,

however many we did at the time. I think it was more like 12 that I preached live, and we had 50 across all of our locations. But I was tired, and Graham was sitting in the car. And I was dragging out the trash, but I forgot temporarily that Graham was sitting in the car. And I also forgot temporarily that I was saved, and I forgot temporarily that I was saved. I shouldn't say, and your kid is sitting in the car and I just started letting stuff fly and it was flying faster than the packing peanuts and it's all flying around the yard and I just preached Christmas and it's Jesus's birthday has just finished and here I am cussing it in and objects all around the yard and I got in the car my biggest thought was like what am I gonna tell my kid and I start the spiral because I'm like I know where this is this is what he's in therapy and this is a drug addict. It all means he's sitting on somebody's couch at some point in the future saying, there was this one Christmas, and my dad preached, and he took out the trash. And my dad hates trash. That's the reason I'm here today. But you know, after 10 minutes of driving and figuring out what I wanted to say to him, I said, I'm sorry about that. He said, sorry about what? I said, sorry about what I said while I was out there. He said, I didn't hear what you said. I said, that's right. That's right. And here I am, tormented about something that he didn't even hear.

- **Did you not know that the enemy can torment you with something that isn't even true? He can make you play out scenarios in your mind. And I'm telling you, the enemy is very strategic. Because if you read 1 Kings 19... You know a little bit about who Elijah is. You are surprised to see him running because he got a death threat from Jezebel. And when he says, Lord, take my life, I'm no better than my ancestors because Jezebel, who was the queen, said, I'm going to kill you.**
- In fact, in verse 2, she says this exactly. May the gods deal with me. Be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them. Elijah has just won a great victory on Mount Carmel. He has just prophesied and the heavens gave rain. And no sooner does the rain come than the news of his victory reaches the ears of Ahab. And no sooner does it reach the ears of Ahab until he tells Jezebel. Jezebel was really running the kingdom. Jezebel was really moving Ahab like a puppet. One preacher said the last decision Ahab ever made was I do. And I've seen some marriages like that. I've seen some marriages like that. So Jezebel says, let me handle him. May the gods deal with me. Be it ever so severely. If I don't kill this guy who killed my prophets.
- When Elijah called down fire from God. And had the 450 prophets of Baal slaughtered. And the 400 prophets of Asherah slaughtered on the mountain. And said if the Lord is God. Follow him. How long would he halt between two opinions? If the Lord is God, how long are you going to go back and forth? And fire came from heaven and licked up what remaining water there was after three years of drought in the trenches. And God proved his presence by fire. Elijah went up on a mountain, put his head between his knees, sent his servant to check seven times, said, I hear the sound. of the abundance of rain.
- I can't prove it, but I hear it. I can't point to it, but I know it. I can't show it to you, but God is showing it to me. Tell Ahab, hitch up your chariots before the rain stops you. And Elijah outran Ahab all the way back down the mountain. No sooner can he get down the mountain than the rain released from heaven and the revival begin in the religious climate of Israel. No sooner can he get down the mountain, no sooner can he celebrate the victories, Sooner can he move forward into the next assignment that God has until he receives a threat from Jezebel. And we know that her threat is empty. May the gods deal with me. What gods, Jezebel? Somebody say, what gods? You mean the same ones who you called on on the mountain? When God sent fire, I feel that word for somebody. Say, what gods? You know how the enemy tries to threaten you and intimidate you? What gods? There's only one God. So her thread is empty. Because if she could have, she would have.
- Because if 850 false prophets didn't stop him, what is one person going to do? What gods? Somebody say, what gods? Where, oh death, is now thy sting? Where, oh grave, is your victory? Death has been swallowed up in victory. What does? Her thread is empty. Her thread is empty. But so is Elijah. He's empty. And he says, I've had enough for her. Her thread is empty, but so is he. Now, when people ask you, how do you feel after you minister? The truth is, you're thankful. But you're also empty. You're also tired. Any new parents in the room? May I talk to you for a moment? How do you feel as a new parent? You gotta answer that very carefully. Because you're so thankful, right?

Right? Hope so. Too late now! No refunds. No instruction manual either. And no sleep schedule. So you say, I'm thankful, but I'm exhausted. Now I like to make up words to explain to people how I feel. When people ask me how I feel before I preach, I say, I'm anxious and I'm excited. I'm excited. I made that up myself. I'm excited. You ever felt excited about something? So I made up a new word to describe how you feel when God uses you. It goes like this. I'm thanks-austed. Use that this week. How are you doing?

- You're so blessed. You've got this new job. I'm thankful, but I'm exhausted. I'm going to keep preaching until I find somebody who will be real with me. I am grateful, but I'm kind of grumpy too. And I'm kind of grumpy because I haven't gotten quite as much sleep as I used to get. I'm thanks-austed. I came up on this mountain and God did a great work, but I came back down. And no sooner did I see the rain than I felt the resistance. Come on. No sooner could I praise God for the victory until another problem came along. And so I'm grateful lifting one hand, but I'm having to fight with the other one. Because God did something awesome with one of my kids, but the other one is wearing me out. Have you ever had... Winning and worn out happening at the same time. Come on, how do you feel? How do you feel about the good things God is doing in your life? How do you feel about being married and he newlyweds in the house? How do you feel about that? Oh, it's amazing. It's amazing and it's crazy. The most crazy it is. I brought my crazy into the marriage, and their crazy was already filling up every room in the house. And I'm happy to be with them, but the fact of the matter is, they already had so much baggage when I came into the house, I can't find a place to unpack mine. Now I've gotta ask somebody else, what do you wanna watch? Now I've got to orient my schedule. And you can smile, and you can say you're blessed, and I know you are blessed, and I'm blessed too, but blessing doesn't cancel pressure.
- So at the same time I'm blessed, there's pressure coming up behind the blessing. So I'm experiencing blessing and I'm experiencing pressure. I call that, bless you. I got a lot of bless you in my life right now. Come on, bear with me. Be patient with me. I got bless you in my, I'm not asking God to take the responsibilities away. It's not that I'm not thankful. I'm just exhausted. I'm exhausted. How's that for an honest testimony? I praise the Lord for what he gave me. And I'm about to collapse because he gave it to me. My prayer, my praise report just turned into my prayer request. I couldn't get used to the rain before I had a threat coming up on my back. And he makes a statement. Now get ready for this. This is where I want to teach you verse 3. He says, I have had enough. Lord, say it, I've had enough. I've had enough. In other words, I'm done with this. It is impossible to overstate the severity of Elijah's psychological confusion, bewilderment. I mean, we see in James 5.17, a summary of Elijah's faith that says, Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain.
- That's when he walked into Ahab's court like a stack of lightning in the midnight eastern sky. Elijah petitioned, petitioned in Gilead and walked in and said, no rain until I say so. And he prayed and God shut off the rain. He prayed and it didn't rain for three and a half years. Again he prayed and the heavens gave rain. and the earth produced its crops. And then James makes on to talk about something else. But go back to verse 18. It says he prayed again. He prayed and it didn't rain. He prayed and it did rain. But it does not mention this prayer in verse four, chapter 19, where he came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed. That he might die. And James doesn't put that part in. Because it didn't get that. It didn't get the illustration. But let's talk about the prayers. That you prayed. That you can't pray in public. Where you're telling God. I can't do this anymore. That's essentially what he's saying right? I've had. I've had.
- Elijah doesn't die. I just want to let the air out of that real quick because it feels very tense in here. So Elijah doesn't die. Say it again. Elijah doesn't die. Not only does he not die by the threat of Jezebel, but he never dies. When it came time for Elijah to be taken up to heaven, the Lord sent a whirlwind. So is it possible that the things that you are the most freaked out about is never even going to happen. That's a good place for a praise right there. I'm gonna just go ahead and tell you what to do. Praise God, because Elijah didn't die. He didn't die at the hand of Jezebel. He didn't die from his own depression. Elijah didn't die. In fact, my little sermon only has three points today. You ready? He didn't really pray. Number two, God came anyway. Number three, he didn't stay.

- That's the whole sermon. If you need to meet somebody for lunch, you're dismissed. But I came to tell you, number one, he didn't really pray. Number two, God came anyway. And number three, he didn't stay. Write all of those in the comments, please. I want to see it on YouTube. Number one, he didn't really pray. Number two, God came anyway. And number three, he didn't say it. This is the word of the Lord today. That Elijah prayed that he would die. That is not really a prayer. A real prayer is when you tell God, stop the rain. A real prayer is when you tell God, now make it rain. A real prayer is not just you complaining.
- **A real prayer is when you move from complaint to supplication. A real prayer is when you go from saying how it is to asking God to make it different. Turn in your Bible to Philippians chapter four. Elijah knew how to pray, but he hit something in his life where he forgot to do what he knew how to do. When you hit enough pressure in your life, when you hit enough pain in your life, you forget to do the thing that you knew how to do, and you stop doing the thing that got you where you were, and you stop praising God like you used to praise God.**
- **The Apostle Paul says in Philippians 4, verse six, do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, Jezebel, every situation, bankruptcy, every situation addiction every situation the pain in your body every situation something that you can't talk about every situation by prayer and petition with Thanksgiving present your request to God and the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**
- But when Elijah got down from that mountain, he dropped his guard because he was empty. And when you are empty, you have to get intentional because if you don't fill that space, the enemy will. Amen. Good stuff. Look what he said. Look what he said. He said, verse 6, present your requests to God. I thought I was praying one time. I don't know how this works. Okay, I know the series is called. I know that voice. I don't know if the Lord spoke this or just wisdom told me. But after I finished going through everything that I felt, it was as if the Lord said, would you like to talk to me about it now? But I thought I was. But it was as if the Lord said to me, you have been thinking about this. You have been thinking about this.
- You have been thinking about this. For ten minutes. But you haven't made a request yet. And Philippians 4.6 says. In every situation. By prayer and petition. With thanksgiving. Present your requests. To God. So I was just giving God. Reasons. That I felt. The way I felt. I was just processing. The regret. And the Lord said, you have not truly prayed to me, recognizing the power that I have to step in to your situation until you come out of listing the reasons that you feel like you feel and ask me to do something about it. So have you made a request yet? Because Elijah's only request was kill me. That's not really a prayer, is it? That's an escape. Hmm. to a place called the cave. Not just any cave. This is the same cave, horror, mountain of God, where Moses had hidden a cleft of the rock for the glory of the Lord to pass by.
- But the problem, I'm gonna show you this, I'm gonna demonstrate now, is that Moses went into this cave, and it took him 40 days in the wrong direction. Away from the place where God had called him. So the cave that Elijah went to was a 40-day journey away, like 90 miles away from the place that God had called him to. Remember, God sent the rain and he ran. So God answered the thing that he prayed for and he ran and stopped praying. This is what pressure will do to you.
- Pressure will let God send the blessing into your life, but cause you to run from the thing that God sent you. So that now you find yourself pushing away relationships that you asked God to send you.
- You're running from the wrong thing. You are running from the wrong thing. When you are empty, like Elijah was empty, he was not only physically empty, running all the way past ahab's chariots but he was spiritually empty because he had carried the burden and the faith of an entire nation alone through three years of drought come on don't act like you've never felt a pity party for yourself that why is nobody taking care of me why is nobody meeting my needs why is nobody coming for me why is nobody cleaning for me and all the way away from let's let this represent his post he's walking away and he is not Prayed even after God feeds him. He does not pray. He knew how to pray. He knew how to call on God. He knew how to intercede for people. He knew how to intercede for himself. And he walks away. And I got to imagine that with every day he went toward the cave. He was replaying what Jezebel

said. I'm going to kill you. I'm going to kill you. I'm going to kill you. Now watch this. He's replaying. The wrong thing. Because what he should have been replayed. Was when God sent down fire. To prove that he is God. And that Baal is not. He's replayed. Why would you replay what Jezebel said. When you know her threat is empty. Because when you are empty. The enemy feels real. And your victories feel invisible.

- **When you are empty, you begin to forget your victories. This is what I want to say. When you are empty, you forget your victories and you fixate on your enemy. And now all you can see is what's against you. And now all you can see is what you're up under. And now all you can see is what you lost. And now all you can see is what you fear. And now all you can see is what you don't want. And now all you can see is what if it doesn't happen.**
- And now all you can see is all the people. who led you down, and with every step, remember, he's replaying it, he's replaying it, he's replaying it, and Jezebel's threat is empty unless you let it echo. If she said at once, I'm going to kill you, and Elijah prayed, like he knew how to pray, God, did you hear that? And then step aside, because God's got something for Jezebel. Because God hasn't moved from his throne. Is my mic on? I said God's got something for diabetes. God's got something for this cancer. God's got something. God's got something. So. So. If you just got to replay something. Replay the ravens. Remember Elijah was by the brook. Called Jared. In the character V. And there was no food. And the water in the land. But God sent ravens to feed his revivalists in a time of famine. So if you're going to replace something, run back the ravens. This I recall to my mind.
- Therefore I have hope. It was God's mercies that I wasn't consuming. Because his compassion failed not. They knew every morning. And every morning I had bread. And every evening I had something to drink. Because I remember those ravens, God said. And if you don't remember the ravens, remember the resurrection. Because Elijah was staying at a woman's house. And her little boy died. And Elijah stretched out his body over that boy. And breathed into that boy. And that boy that was dead got up and started walking around. If you just got to replay something, replay the resurrection. And remember that nothing is dead until God is done with it. Nothing is over until God says so. Turn, boom, and hear the word of the Lord. I mean, if you just got to run it back, run back the time that he fed you. Run back the time that he led you.
- Run back the time that he did come through. Run back the ones who were there. 257 people said run it back. Run it back. Run it back. Run it back right. Run it back right. Run it back right. You've been replaying the wrong things. You've been replaying stuff that the devil can't even bring up against you. There's a snail to the cross. My sin. Oh, the bliss. I've got to stop. Run it back. Run it back. Run it back. That's what he should have told Jezebel. She said, I'm going to kill you. Elijah should have said, let's run it back. Meet me on the mountain. I know you. You never fail. I know a girl who can't lie. I'm a girl. I'm a girl. I'm changing my title. When you put it on YouTube, call it Run It Back. Yeah. Run it back!
- He's been good to you! Run it back! He's more than enough! Run it back! Run it back, come on! Because all he had to do was run it back. That's all he had to do. But instead he turned his back on the blessing God gave him. Because the pressure he was under was too great. And he didn't really pray. He didn't really pray. He went to a cave.
- I'm going to go to the cave metaphor right now. Just as we're going to start. You say, why do you do this? Are you performing? I'm not performing. Amen.
- But I am trying to give a picture that will help you know what's really killing your faith. There you go. What may be killing your relationships. What may be killing your marriage. It's not death by Jezebel. It's death by echo. Amen.
- Because with every step you take away from what God called you to do, and you go to the cave. Now, the cave is the place where you feel safe. It makes you feel safe, but it actually makes you more anxious. Why does this addiction that makes me feel safe only make me more anxious and make me more crazy? It's because it's a cave. It's a cave. He went to the cave far away from where he should be with his back to what God had for him and what God had just done. And I want the Holy Spirit to help me right now because he has a conversation with God in that cave. Verse number nine says there he went into a cave and spent the night. It feels awkward having my back turned to you like this when I know my job is to preach to you. But isn't that exactly what Elijah did? Isn't that exactly what we do? We

turn our backs on the thing that God gave us, the responsibility God gave us, even the blessings. We will turn our back on a blessing because of the pressure, I have had enough.

- Now, I gotta face it for one moment to take this. If he said I have had enough and he meant it in a positive sense, I would get it. Everywhere I've gone you've provided I've had enough. When I was by the brook, I had enough. When I was on the mountain, I had enough. There was enough provision, there was enough power, but now he's like, I'm not enough. And I've had enough. And he goes in the cave. Without over-dramatizing it, there's something I want to show you. Because it says that he went into the cave and spent the night. And the word of the Lord came to him. This is verse 9, please, on the screens. What are you doing here logically? Isn't that crazy that he didn't really pray in the cave, but the Lord came? You remember my three points? He didn't really pray, and God came.
- I want you to thank God for the times you didn't even really pray, but he came. Come on, you can do better than that. You can do better than that. The times where you said die and God said live. The times where you said no, but God's yes was bigger. The times where you thought, what if I got it wrong? But God said, what if I got it right? See, I had to get it in because I missed it last week, but I got it in. You hear that, devil? I ran it back and I got it in. I didn't get it wrong. That's good. And the Lord asked a question. Watch this.
- You always want God to give you answers. What if he wants to give you better questions? a better question. What are you doing here in life? You who have seen miracles. You who have called fire. You who have prayed for rain. You who have been sustained. What are you doing here, 90 miles away? What are you doing here in somebody to pretend like they love you when you know they're not loyal to you? What are you doing here in these destructive patterns that promise you safety but only make you ashamed and the shame leads to the same behavior? What are you doing in this cave? Do you know how to pray? God came and said, what are you doing here? And he replied. Do you see that in verse 10? Is it on the screen? He replied, I Say yes, teacher, if it's on the screen. Yes, teacher.
- He replied, I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too. And then the Lord does a little display. I know I got my back to you. I know it's awkward, but this is what he did. He turned his back. He gave it in under the pressure. The Lord put on a little show for him. He sent a wind, and he sent a fire, and he sent an earthquake because he was running back what he did when he appeared to Moses.
- This was an echo of when God appeared to Moses, but God's doing it different this time because the Lord doesn't speak in any of that. He speaks in verse 12, a whisper, a whisper, a whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face went and stood at the mouth of the cave did you know that the cave has a mouth did you know that when you go in your cave the cave talks back did you know when you go in the cave and you run away from God and run away from community And you run away from the right things and you run toward the wrong things. Did you know when you replay the wrong things and the regrets and the rejection?
- Did you know that when you talk to the cave, the cave will talk back and you think I'm crazy. You're not crazy. You're just in a cave. And the cave is making you feel crazy. And now you start to think crazy and you start to act crazy because you've been in this cave because you stop praying. But God came, and God came when God came. He thought it was going to be big and spectacular, but really it was intimate and it was special.
- And yet, the Bible says when the voice asked him the second time, What are you doing here, Elijah? He replied. He replied according to what he replayed. And so listen what the first word he says. Put verse 14 up on the screen. He's in the cave. He's all alone. He's disappointed. He's under pressure. And listen, you can tell why he's depressed by the way he starts his speech. God says, what are you doing here, Elijah? I have more for you.
- Why did you turn your back on what I blessed you with? Why are you running from the right thing? Why are you not trusting me anymore? Put the verse up on the screen. He says, I. That's good. You see that? Because when you're in a cave, the sound bounces around, see? So he starts off his speech, he says, I! That's so cool. And see, that's never going to get you out of the cave. Because when you start with I have had enough, and I don't have what it takes, and I, I, I, I, see how it's still in the cave, see how it's still in the roof, and now I can't hear the whisper. Wow. Good

analogy. Can't you hear it in our marriages? I, yes, I'll do the dishes again. I, we'll just do it so nobody else is going to do it, so I'll just do it. I, I'm so tired of this. I, don't have what it takes.

- I, I hear Gideon in a winepress saying, I am the smallest and the weakest. I hear Moses at the burning bush saying, I am not good at speaking. I hear all of the people who have come before us, and I hear Elijah in the cave saying, but I hear God in verse 15 turn to the prophet who is empty and speak in the cave which is empty and the voice of the Lord speaks into an empty cave in verse 15 and God says go go go because I've got something ahead of you that is bigger than anything that's behind you give God a shout out Because God came. He didn't stay. Somebody shout I'm coming out of this cave. I'm coming out of this cave. I'm coming out of this misery. I'm coming out of this straight jacket. I'm coming out of this book. I'm coming out of this depression.
- I'm coming out of this cycle. I'm coming out of this question. I'm coming out of this cave. Because I know how to pray see. So I'm not starting this prayer with I, I, I. I'm going to say you, you, you have brought me this far, God. And you, you, you are able to keep me from falling. And you, you, you are going to get the glory from my life. It's about you, you, you. It's not about me, me, me. I don't care what they, they, they say. I'm coming. Out of this cave. I'm coming out of this cave. God's been too good for me to stay in this cave. I am coming out of this cave. As a matter of fact, I just remembered another cave. Another cave that was loaned to somebody by a man named Joseph Of Arimathea. And they laid him. In the cave. For three days. And you say wait a minute pastor. It wasn't a cave. It wasn't a grave. Because he didn't stay there. He did not stay. And I came to announce. This cave is not my grave.
- (Pastor Furtick now speaking into a special mike with a strong Echo) No, no, no. I'm coming out. I'm coming out with my hands up. I'm coming out. My heart broken, but I'm coming out. Because God came. Because God came. And if you say an I, I, I, I, it's going to die. Die. Die. But it won't be death by Jezebel. It will be death. Echo, echo. Because the regret can only paralyze you if you keep replaying it.
- **Write this down. It's not the threat that kills me. It's the way I let it echo, echo, echo. It's the way you keep replaying your shame, rather than realizing that he paid for it. I said he paid for it. I said he paid for it. So hold on, devil. Watch this. You want to put me in a cave of shame? Let's run it back. Let's run it back. What happened after he came down off the cross? What happened after he went down in the cave?**
- It's a great way to say this is empty. Does this empty? For the empty people in the room today who have felt just like the light, maybe you don't say I want to die. Maybe you say I can't live like this. It's too much. I'm blessed. Don't get me wrong. Thank God. Appreciate everything God's done for me, but. Thank you, I'm exhausted. I don't have a word for it. I have had enough.
- Remember, even though he didn't really pray, not like he was supposed to pray, God came anyway. And this is your day, that God has heard you in the cave. Cave, cave. He's heard the way the thoughts keep rattling around him. He can't get rid of the things. He knows that you are still trapped in the trauma of what happened to you, and so he can, can, can. And he said, let's go. Because Elisha, the successor of Elijah, was already in the field, but he's not in this cave. So you gotta come back to the place where you know God called you to be. And live the life that God wants to enable you to live. And when they say, how do you feel about it? You can say, it's complicated. It's complicated. Because I got one voice telling me, die, die, die. But I heard a whisper.
- That said, live, live, live. And I'm choosing to live by the whisper. in this room right now and with your heads bowed and eyes closed, somebody be honest with you. When I sing through, I want you to shake your head if you've been in the cave. I, I, I, they, they, they. It's been you. And you need me to pray for you today. Because you've got a cave you need to come out of. I want you to be bold and shoot your hand up and hold it up. I'm praying for you. One, two, three. Hold it up. Hold it up. Keep it up. Keep it up. Repeat after me. I'm coming out of this.
- **Closing Prayer: "Father, in the name of Jesus, I declare that where your spirit is, there is freedom. God, I pray that they would realize that that question is prophetic. What are they doing here? They're here because you have something for them. They are here because you are not done with them. They are here because you came to get them out the cave. That's why you woke me up at 3 a.m. to come and get them out the cave. I believe it, God. I believe somebody is coming out today. Somebody is coming out of something that they thought was going to kill**

them. But it is not going to kill them. It will not be the end of them. So we lift our hands. And we lift our eyes. And we declare that just as Jezebel has an echo, so does Heaven. The echo of heaven is holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty. Thank you, Jesus. The echo of heaven is worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb of God. The echo of heaven is hallelujah. The one who came out of the cave on the third day. And if he rolled the stone away, and if he got up, I'm getting up. I'm coming out of this cave. I'm coming out of this. I'm coming out better. I'm coming out healed. I'm coming out whole. I'm coming out blessed.