



**Sermon Series:** Whisper: The Power Of a Whisper

**Big Idea:** Gods voice is heard clearest when we are quietest.

**Main Passage:** 1 Kings 19:11-12

<sup>11</sup> "Go out and stand before me on the mountain," the Lord told him. And as Elijah stood there, the Lord passed by, and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain. It was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup> And after the earthquake there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper.

**Three practices for hearing the whisper of God:**

- Be Still
- Lean in
- Listen up

**Discussion:**

**What?**

What stood out to you from the sermon or any questions that you might have about it?

You can't read the Gospels (the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) without discovering that Jesus himself had a rhythm of solitude. Read Luke 6:12-13. Jesus is on the verge of a major decision and you find him praying all night on a mountaintop. What is it that you think Jesus knew and modeled that we miss?

Read the main text of the sermon again: 1 Kings 19:11-12. We would expect God to show up in a loud and grand way but he doesn't. Why does God seem to choose to speak in the silence?

Dusty mentioned three practices for listening to God. Describe each of these practices in your own words:

**So What?**

How do you feel about the idea of listening to God? Do you believe it's possible to hear God speak?

Describe a time when you heard God whispering to you. What were the circumstances? What would have been different if He had shouted?

If God speaks in the silence what are some voices and noise that are drowning Him out? (ex. social media, work, comparison, family, friends, self-hate... etc.)

**Do What?**

What is one thing you could do this week to cultivate more silence in your life?

What is the bravest prayer you could pray today?

**Scriptures for further study or memorization:**

*Use these as a reference to help you focus on listening to God.*

**1 Samuel 3:9-10**

So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

**2 Timothy 3:16**

Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great: He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.

**Lamentations 3:25-26**

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

**Mark 1:35 (Christ's example)**

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.