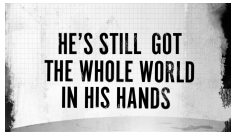


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Where is God in Uncertain Times?

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God does His greatest work when it feels like He's doing the least.

Then Elijah went on alone into the wilderness, traveling all day. He sat down under a solitary broom tree and prayed that he might die. 1 Kings 19:4 (NLT)

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. 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 blowing. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

And a voice said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" "I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too." 19:12-14

Then the LORD told him, "Go back the same way you came.... 1 Kings 19:15-18

My response to what's going on shows my trust in God.

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom." -Jesus, Luke 12:32 (NIV)



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I don't need to see God's hand (because He has already shown me His heart)

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, "Take it; this is my body.

"Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. "This is my blood, which is poured out for many." -Jesus, Mark 14:22-24

For your LifeGroup and Accountability Growth time

Talk about why it would seem easy to think that God sometimes doesn't have the world in His hands?

Share something (either current events or something from your past) that make it seem like God doesn't have a perfect plan.

A few current theologians (mistakenly) believe that God is not in complete control of His universe. How do you feel about this? What could be the problems (practical AND personal) this kind of thinking produces?

How do you think the Passover (Exodus 12) foreshadow the Last Supper (Mark 10:14-31)? In what ways are they similar and what spiritual truths can we pull from them?

Talk about what you do when you feel as if God is not in control.