

**Victory Connect Lesson
When Prophets Run
[Blueprint for Burnout]
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1. Jezebel threatened Elijah and Elijah ran in fear.

[1Ki 19:2 NLT] 2 So Jezebel sent this message to Elijah: "May the gods strike me and even kill me if by this time tomorrow I have not killed you just as you killed them."

2. Elijah was burned out, he prayed to die.

[1Ki 19:4b NLT] 4 ..."I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life, for I am no better than my ancestors who have already died."

3. God pursued Elijah when Elijah did not "deserve it."

[1Ki 19:5 NLT] 5 Then he lay down and slept under the broom tree. But as he was sleeping, an angel touched him and told him, "Get up and eat!"

4. Four signs of the impact of the Jezebel spirit:

a. Intimidation b. Isolation c. Exhaustion d. Depression

5. God's angel fed Elijah a second time.

[1Ki 19:7 NLT] 7 Then the angel of the LORD came again and touched him and said, "Get up and eat some more, or the journey ahead will be too much for you."

6. God spoke to Elijah in a gentle whisper.

[1Ki 19:12, 15,16 NLT] 12 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.

7. God told Elijah to anoint Elisha to replace him.

[1Ki 19:15-16 NLT] 15 Then the LORD told him, "Go back the same way you came,...and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat to replace you as my prophet..."

Discussion Questions:

1. Is there a time you ran from your calling?
2. Share a time you sensed God was pursuing you?
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