

# Message Notes

## **“God’s Voice: How to Hear for a New Year”**

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*“There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’<sup>10</sup> 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.’<sup>11</sup> 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.<sup>12</sup> After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.” (1 Kings 19:9-12)*

### **Get into a quiet place.**

*“...He went into a cave and spent the night...” (1 Kings 19:9)*

*“He says, ‘Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.’” (Psalm 46:10)*

### **Receive His word.**

*“...And the word of the LORD came to him...” (1 Kings 19:9)*

*“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT)*

### **Position yourself for worship.**

*“...Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD for the LORD is about to pass by...” (1 Kings 19:11)*

*“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” (Romans 12:1 ESV)*

(Turn over for continuation...)

## **Follow His voice and whisper.**

*"...And after the fire came a gentle whisper." (1 Kings 19:12)*

*"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come."  
(John 16:12-13)*

*"The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."  
(John 10:2-5)*

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