

# 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.<sup>13</sup>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?’” (1 Kings 19:9-13)*

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

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

### **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. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:1-2 ESV)*

### **Listen with a quieted heart.**

*“...the LORD was not in the earthquake...<sup>12</sup>not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.<sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he...went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’” (1 Kings 19:11-13)*

*“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)*

(Turn over for continuation...)

## **Discern the whisper of His thoughts.**

*"You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. <sup>2</sup>You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. <sup>3</sup>You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. <sup>4</sup>Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely... <sup>17</sup>How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup>Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake, I am still with you." (Psalm 139:1-4,17-18)*

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