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## 1 Kings 19:3

Elijah was afraid and fled for his life. He went to Beersheba, a town in Judah, and he left his servant there. Then he went on alone into the wilderness, traveling all day.

## 1 Kings 19:3

He sat down under a solitary broom tree and prayed that he might die. “I have had enough, Lord,” he said. “Take my life, for I am no better than my ancestors who have already died.”

A dark, teal-toned landscape painting. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of evergreen trees. In the middle ground, a range of mountains is visible. The sky is filled with a large flock of birds flying in various directions. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

Pride can lead us to a blind optimism but  
pride can also lead us to staying in despair.



# 3 Distractions to Hearing God's Voice:

## #1 Physiological

## 1 Kings 19:5-9

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!" He looked around and there beside his head was some bread baked on hot stones and a jar of water!

## 1 Kings 19:5-9

So he ate and drank and lay down again.  
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."

## 1 Kings 19:5-9

So he got up and ate and drank, and the food gave him enough strength to travel forty days and forty nights to Mount Sinai, the mountain of God. There he came to a cave, where he spent the night.

But the Lord said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"



# 3 Distractions to Hearing God's Voice:

The background is a dark, teal-toned landscape painting. It features a range of mountains in the distance, with a dense forest of evergreen trees in the foreground. A large flock of birds is flying across the sky, scattered across the upper half of the image. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

## #2 Theological

## 1 Kings 19:9-13

Elijah replied, "I have zealously served the Lord God Almighty. But the people of Israel have broken their covenant with You, torn down Your altars, and killed every one of Your prophets. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too."

## 1 Kings 19:9-13

“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.

## 1 Kings 19:9-13

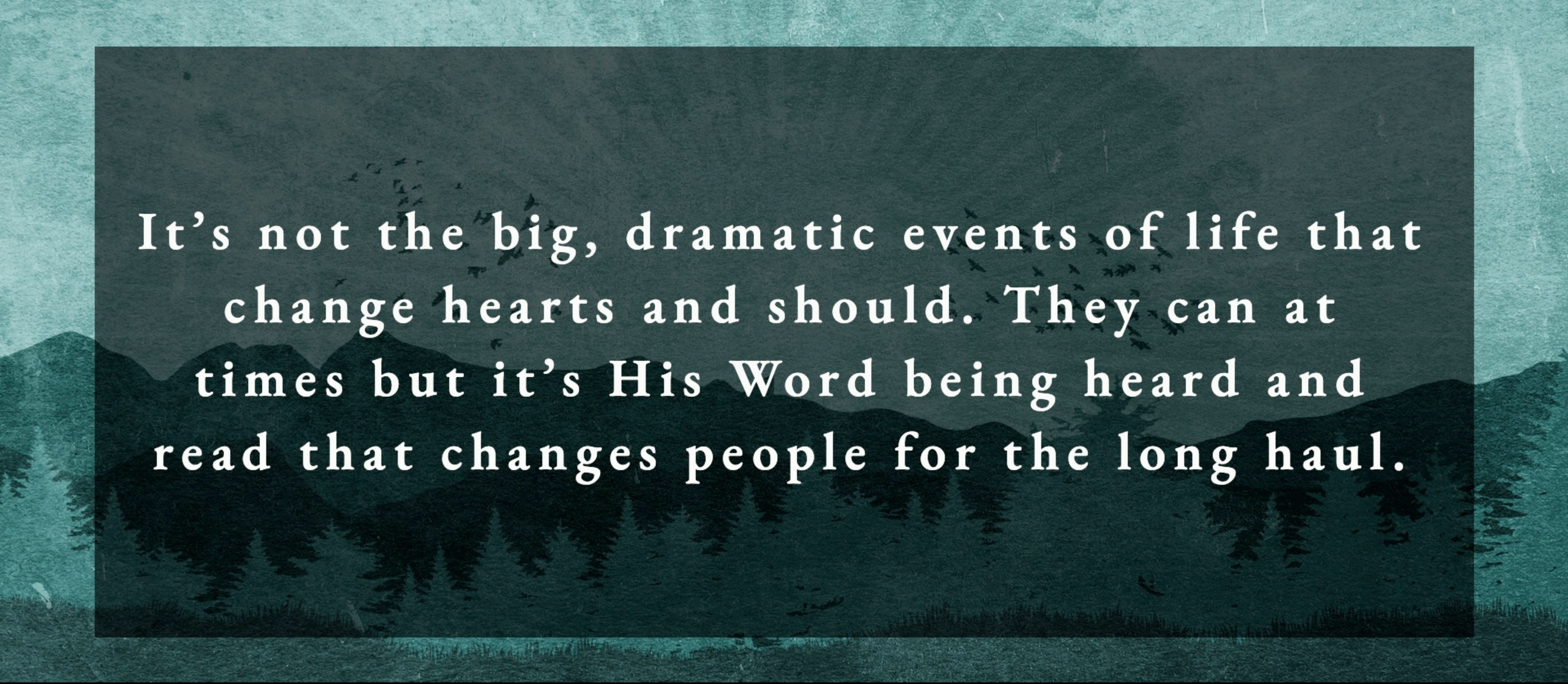
After the wind there was an earthquake,  
but the Lord was not in the earthquake.  
And after the earthquake there was a fire,  
but the Lord was not in the fire. And after  
the fire there was the sound of a gentle  
whisper.

## 1 Kings 19:9-13

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?”



“the sound of silence.”



It's not the big, dramatic events of life that change hearts and should. They can at times but it's His Word being heard and read that changes people for the long haul.



The hype doesn't sustain you long  
when suffering comes your way.



The background is a dark, atmospheric landscape painting. It features rolling mountains in the distance, a dense forest of evergreen trees in the middle ground, and a sky filled with numerous small birds in flight. The overall color palette is dark, with shades of teal, grey, and black, creating a somber and contemplative mood. The text is centered horizontally across the middle of the image.

God speaks to us in a whisper



# 3 Distractions to Hearing God's Voice:

## #3 Psychological

## 1 Kings 19:14-18

He replied again, "I have zealously served the Lord God Almighty. But the people of Israel have broken their covenant with you, torn down your altars, and killed every one of your prophets. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too."

## 1 Kings 19:14-18

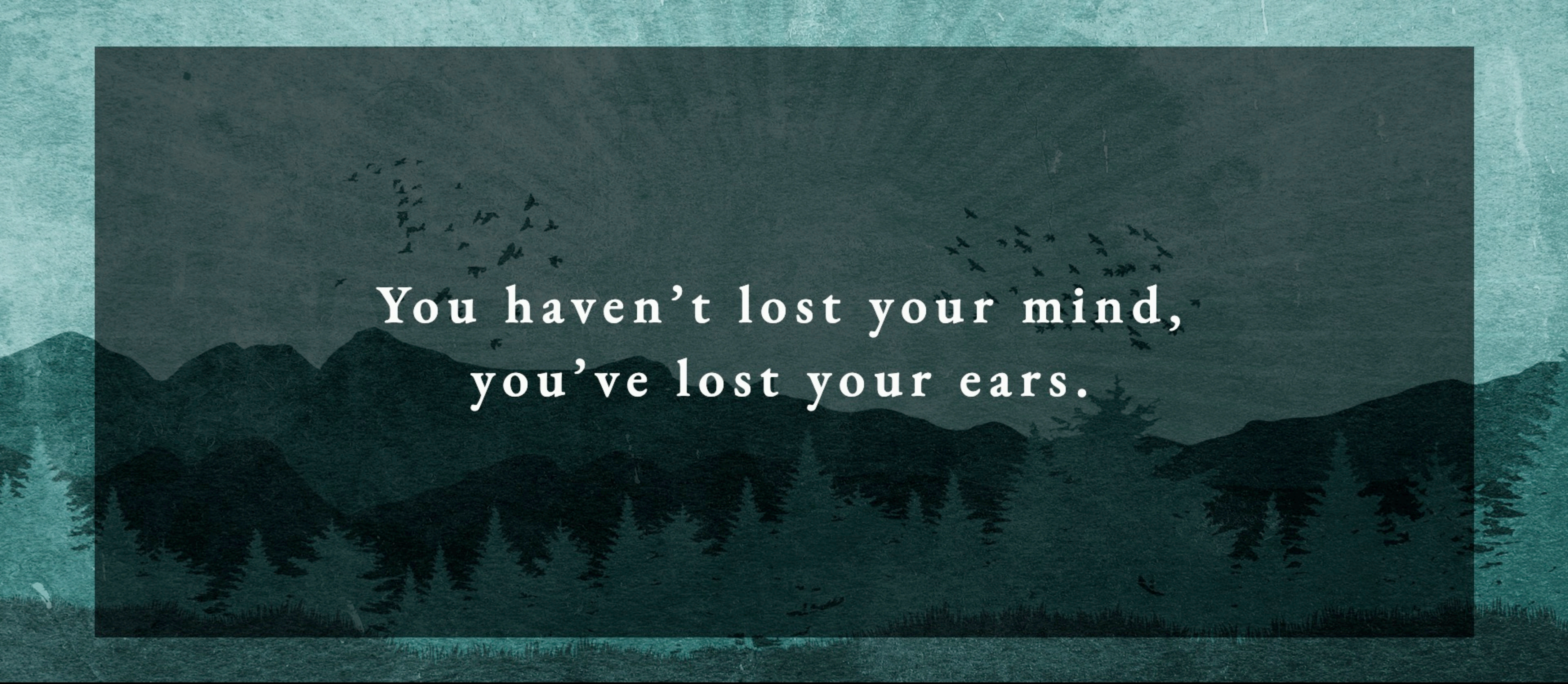
Then the Lord told him, “Go back the same way you came, and travel to the wilderness of Damascus. When you arrive there, anoint Hazael to be king of Aram.

## 1 Kings 19:14-18

Then anoint Jehu grandson of Nimshi to be king of Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from the town of Abel-meholah to replace you as My prophet. Anyone who escapes from Hazael will be killed by Jehu, and those who escape Jehu will be killed by Elisha!

# 1 Kings 19:14-18

Yet I will preserve 7,000 others in Israel who have never bowed down to Baal or kissed him!”



You haven't lost your mind,  
you've lost your ears.



What if we're raising a generation of participants (hearers) but they're being raised by a generation of spectators?