

Daily Homily
Week Ten in Ordinary Time
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We continue with Elijah the prophet. We have heard throughout this week the amazing things done through him. God's might has been shown. God's power has been vindicated. God's presence has made itself known and felt. Elijah is at the heart of it all.

Now, the harlot queen, Jezebel, wants him dead. Elijah runs.

God, however, does not understand. Why run?

The prophet has his legitimate reasons. Elijah is feeling the pangs of loneliness. He has been most zealous for the Lord. However, the Lord's people have forsaken the covenant with God. They no longer feel Elijah is relevant. They no longer need the Lord God. Now they want to put Elijah to death. Elijah had to run. Calamity is all around him. Misfortune is his inheritance. He is feeling heavy of heart. He is suffering inner defeat. His spirit is sluggish and his will is defeated. This is the vocation of a prophet. A vocation that is not for the faint of heart. God knows this. God understands this. This is why God is so close to those who say "YES" to such a course of life, such a thankless task, a hidden and anonymous way to live.

Elijah knows God's presence. Not in dramatic ways. Not in heavy winds, crushing rocks, wild wind, earthquakes, or fire. God is not always the big personality. God is not always the flashy showman. God is not always the bombastic go-getter. God comes to Elijah in a tiny whispering sound. It was in there in that sound that Elijah knew what to do next. It was not in the loud, dramatic, noisy ways, but in the small, quiet, simple tones that God reached Elijah's fear and despair, his loneliness and suffering, his lack of worth and his lack of direction. All of this was so loud and clanging with the prophet. It was in the whisper that Elijah was quieted enough to hear God and to be lulled into God's heart and into God's ongoing will.

How are you with quiet? How are you with silence? How are you with stillness? Three quality that describe God: quiet, silent, still. If you want to know God and hear Him, truly and authentically, be quiet and silent and still. If you want to know what's next, wait for the whisper of God's voice. Let Him lull you into His purposeful heart.

Elijah, when he did this, was given clear direction. Why run from that? Seek it in the whisper.