

“How Will God Speak to Me Today?”

Based on 1 Kings 19:11-13a & Acts 2:1-3 (NIV)
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1 Kings 19:11-13a

11 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.

12 After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

13 When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

† **Elijah has traveled to Mount Horeb (which is another name for Mt. Sinai).**

† **Elijah feels helpless and alone.**

† **God came to Elijah in a “gentle whisper”.**

Acts 2:1-3

1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

† **About 120 followers of Jesus were gathered in one room.**

† **The source of this sound is clear.
It is from heaven, from God himself.**

† **God came to Elijah with what God saw was the best way for Elijah (a whisper), and God comes to these people in the best way for them (wind and fire).**

† **God comes to me in the best way for me at that moment.**

† **Others use their God-given gifts to help me.**

† **God gives all of us the same message but it is delivered to me in the best way for me.**

† **God’s message is “I Love You.”**

Applying Today’s Message to My Life:

† How has God spoken to me in the past?

Through Parents, family, friend, co-worker, teacher, others?

- Was I listening?

- Did I act on it?

† Which way would I like God to reveal himself to me?
Gently (like 1 Kings) or with a powerful force (like in Acts)?

† How has God said “I Love You” to me in the past?

† How will God tell me “I Love You” this week?