

Mike gives the devotion on “When We feel like Giving up” from I Kings 19:1-9  
God had answered Elijah’s prayers. God

- stopped the rain in Israel for three and a half years and provided food for him (1 Kings 17:1-11);
- ended the same drought (James 5:18);
- brought a dead boy back to life (1Kings 17:17-24);
- caused fire to fall from heaven to consume a sacrifice and prove that the God of Abraham was more powerful than Baal (1 Kings 18:30-39).

Now in 1 Kings 19:3, the bible tells us Elijah was afraid of his life. He ran to the wilderness, came under a broom tree and tell God that he had enough and wanted God to take his life. He was so afraid that he wanted to die and forget about everything.

However, God has not forgotten Elijah. He’s still with him even Elijah lost faith and became afraid even after he experienced how God used him and cared for him in the past.

In 1 Kings 19: 5, it says Elijah lay down under the tree and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and attended to his physical need. A second time, the Angel of the Lord came back and strengthened him again.

#### What I Learn

It tells me God is always with us even we didn’t feel like it. He is a very caring God. He knows our weakness, but he does not turn His back on us. Even when we lose faith, He is still with us. He will attend to our needs. He will strengthen us.

I should remember how God had answered my prayers in the past when I am afraid and feel like giving up.

Questions to ponder:

What are some of our church’s prayers that God had answered?

- God brings new comers and helpers.
- God moved events in use of facilities
- God brought salvation and commitment among us.

Are there any situations we currently facing that will cause us to be afraid?

- Safety concerns with our property
- Tenants issues
- Economic hardship both personal and church