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Lesson 28: "After the Fire a Still Small Voice"

Are You:

- Reading Your Scriptures Daily?
- Saying Your Prayers Morning and Night?
- Keeping Attuned to the "still small voice"?

Today's Scriptures

1 Kings 17-19

Next Week

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"They Took Up... the Mantle of Elijah"

2 Kings 2

2 Kings 5-6

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Questions to Ponder

- In what ways are we asked to put the things of God first in our lives?
- What can we do to help others who are in need?
- How can we discern the whisperings of the Holy Ghost?

LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY . . .

When a news reporter asked President Hinckley how he communicates with God, the prophet responded, "I think the best way I could describe the process is to liken it to the experience of Elijah as set forth in the book of First Kings. Elijah spoke to the Lord, and there was a wind, a great wind, and the Lord was not in the wind. And there was an earthquake, and the Lord was not in the earthquake. And there was a fire, and the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire a still, small voice, which I describe as the whisperings of the Spirit" (*iEnsign*, Nov. 1996, 51).

President Ezra Taft Benson taught: "Do you take time to listen to the promptings of the Spirit? Answers to prayer come most often by a still voice and are discerned by our deepest, innermost *feelings*. I tell you that you can know the will of God concerning yourselves if you will take the time to pray and to listen" (*Ensign*, Nov. 1977, 32).

Bishop Richard C. Edgeley: I am occasionally asked by those not of our faith why it is that our Church grows so rapidly, in both membership and activity, while other churches are reportedly declining in both. The answer to that question is simply a still, small voice and then a throbbing heart. In this busy, tumultuous, and noisy



world, it is not like a wind, it is not like a fire, it is not like an earthquake; but it is a still, small, but a very discernible voice, and it causes a throbbing heart. It is a quiet burning within that this is the restored gospel of Jesus Christ, with all of its doctrine, priesthood, and covenants that had been lost through the many centuries of darkness and confusion. . . . The Lord has said, "Knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matt. 7:7). The Book of Mormon prophet Jacob says, "Come with full purpose of heart" (Jacob 6:5). We do not need to rely upon intellect or our physical senses. We study, we pray, and, like Alma of old, we may even fast, and then comes a **still, small voice** and a throbbing heart. Imagine a personal revelation from God that these things are true ("A Still, Small Voice, and a Throbbing Heart," *Ensign*, May 2005, 10).