

## Study Notes based on Sunday 19 August 2018

### Heroes – Elijah

#### 1 Kings 19:1-18

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1. In what ways would you identify Elijah as a hero? Consider 1 Kings 17:1-2,7; 13-15;17-24;18:16-22etc;
2. What do you think might be the place for spiritual power demonstrations, such as the Mount Carmel incident, today?
3. How do Elijah's fears, his flight, his hiding, his depression and his suicidal tendencies, square with him being identified as a hero? See e.g. 1 Kings 19:3-4. What can we learn from this?
4. Elijah asked God to end his life. (1 Kings 19:5). It was a stupid prayer. JF said 'Aren't you glad God hasn't answered every stupid prayer you've prayed?' Any comments?
5. Review the ways in which God spoke to Elijah. 1 Kings 17:2,8;18:1;19:5;11-15.
6. Reflect on Elijah's lack of perspective. He thought he was the only one left, when there were actually 7000 in Israel who had not bowed down to Baal. What does this tell us about the importance of being in touch with other believers; about being aware of what God is doing elsewhere? How can we avoid the isolationism and insularity which led Elijah to seek death?
7. How would you respond to the repeated question 'What are you doing here?'

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