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1 Kings 19:1–8 (ESV) Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” 3 Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. 4 But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.” 5 And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, “Arise and eat.” 6 And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. 7 And the angel of the Lord came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.” 8 And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

1. **It is a place of self-pity, doubt, and insecurity.**
2. **It is the place of discovery, trial, and testing:**

James 1:2–4 (ESV) Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness(endurance). 4 And let (endurance) steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

3 Things to do in times of testing?

1. *Don’t complain, quit, or give up.*
2. *Push through the temptation to quit.*
3. *Allow endurance to be formed in through your testing.*

3. **It is the doorway to greater intimacy with God.**