Accompanist

Song of Elijah's Encouragement

Based on 1 Kings 19

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ELLIAH'S ENCOURAGEMENT

1. Back in the days of Elijah, the people abandoned the Lord, when they chose to worship the Baals of Canaan, worship that God had outlawed. Up there on the mountain of Carmel, Elijah, he prayed to the

2. Then came the test of Elijah, soon after the fire and the rain, when a royal decree went a-carrying us through all life's stress, when we swing from power to despair against God's prophet threatening torture and pain. E-

3. Lessons we learn from Elijah will strengthen us, reassuring us that God is greater than our greatest fear. Courage to face the enemy, to overcome our weakness, feeling our lives are a mess. And there, in these times of great trial, we hear the Lord's whisper come
Lord: He answered with fire from the heavens proving that pressed. He felt all alone as he cried out praying, 'O through the wind and the earthquake and fire, all bringing His

He is the only true God. Then fire came down on the God, let me die like the rest!' And God replied with en-

word of encouragement true. You're not alone, many

sacrifice, something that the Baals could not produce, And the encouragement, 'I have still reserved seven thousand men true to just like you follow Jesus Christ through ups and downs. I've a

people cried, 'Yahweh is the God!' So Baal's Me; they never have bowed to Baal. You are task for you only you can do: Give en-

followers had no excuse! not alone, my faithful friend. courage to all around.

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