

## “THAT GENTLE WHISPER” (Bill Cahusac)

- Where have you seen God at work in your life this week? (Share any brief examples and encouragements).
- Was there anything from Sunday’s message which you found particularly inspiring or challenging?
- Was there anything else you particularly noticed?

### **I Kings 19:11-13 (NIVUK)**

*The word of the Lord came to him: ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ He replied, ‘I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.’ The Lord said, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.’*

*Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.*

*Then a voice said to him, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’*

Elijah is tired and traumatized. Having experienced a decisive victory against the prophets of a Baal, his life is under threat, and he is on the run. He needs to hear from God so he has travelled to ‘the mountain of God’ – Sinai, where Moses had met God face to face in a wonderland of shaking earth, wind and fire. But God wants to speak to Elijah in a different way – less dramatic, not so obvious.

- *How have you heard God speaking to you?*
- *Have you ever heard God speak in a spectacular and dramatic way?*
- *How and where have you heard God’s whisper?*
- *How has God spoken to you through the Bible?*