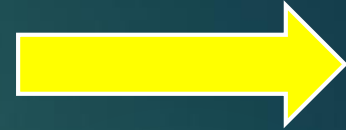


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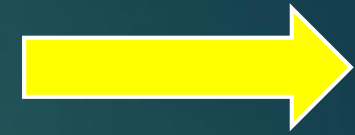
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Elijah

1 Kings 19:11-12

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. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here. Elijah?"

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Sloth Danger...

God doesn't work in one's life

God is not active

God is not there

God doesn't care

God doesn't exist

If God is good, He isn't good for me

Loss of hope

I no longer care for Him

Despair, overwhelmed, hopelessness

Apathy

Lack of trust

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The Holy Spirit's
Transforming Power

Perseverance

Abide

John 15:4

Grow

Remain in me, as I also remain in you.

No branch can bear fruit by itself;
it must remain in the vine.

Neither can you bear fruit
unless you remain in me.

Trust

Produce fruit

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