

A blue bird is shown in flight, its wings spread wide, against a background of a rocky, hilly landscape. The ground is covered with dense, orange-brown grass. A bright, circular light source, possibly the sun or moon, is visible in the sky, creating a lens flare effect. The overall scene is dramatic and scenic.

ELLUJAH



LIKE ELIJAH

We know what it's like to experience mountaintops and valleys.

We know what it's like to be bold and courageous, but **also fearful, exhausted, and discouraged.**

Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.

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² So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.”

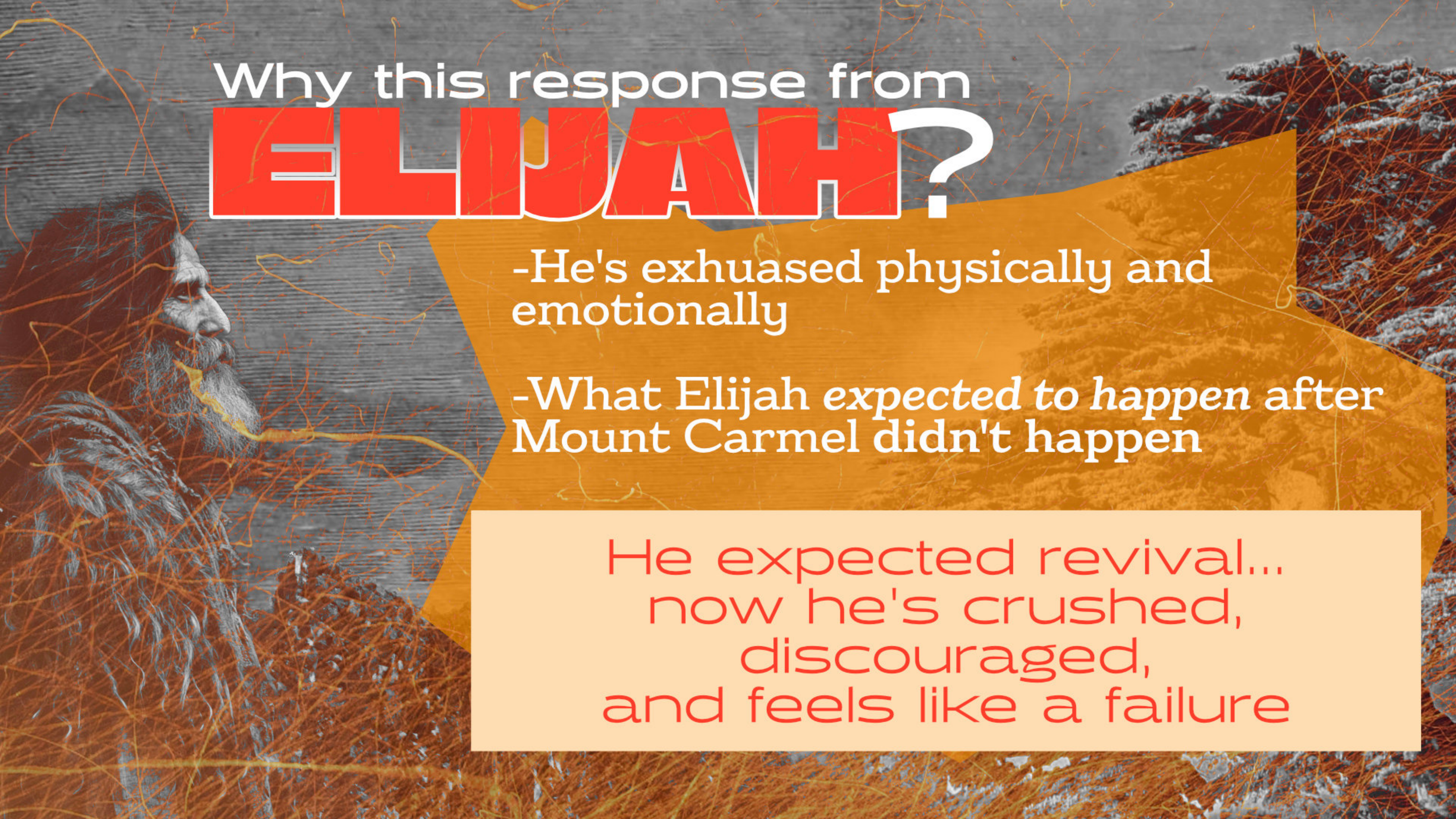
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³ Elijah was afraid and ran for his life.

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When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴ while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors."

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Why this response from **ELIJAH?**

- He's exhausted physically and emotionally

- What Elijah *expected to happen* after Mount Carmel didn't happen

He expected revival...
now he's crushed,
discouraged,
and feels like a failure

⁵ Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." ⁶ He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

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⁷ The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.”⁸ So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

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⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

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¹⁰ 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.”

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¹¹ 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.

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¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ 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?”

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¹⁴ 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.”

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¹⁵ The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet.

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¹⁷ Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. ¹⁸ Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.”

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WHEN
DISCOURAGED
REMEMBER GOD CARES
ABOUT YOUR WHOLE PERSON

He cares about your body, your mind,
your relationships, and your spiritual life.

WHEN
DISCOURAGED
KNOW THAT GOD PATIENTLY
AND COMPASSIONATELY
LISTENS

He allows Elijah to pour out what he's feeling
and experiencing before gently correcting
his perspective.

WHEN
DISCOURAGED
KNOW THAT GOD
IS STILL WORKING

He reminds Elijah that His purposes
have not changed and
are continuing to move forward.