

What are you doing here?

1 Kings 19:13-18 NKJV

13 So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said,

"What are you doing here, Elijah?"

14 And he said, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life."

What keeps us from connecting with others?

✓ Looking at life from a **small** perspective.

1 Kings 19:14 NKJV

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✓ See others in a different **light** than we see ourselves.

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✓ Not wanting to **grow**.

1 Kings 19:4 TLB

4... "I've had enough," he told the Lord...

"Take away my life. I've got to die sometime, and it might as well be now."

✓ Unhealthy confrontation

✓ Too focused on **self**.

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Then he went on alone into the wilderness, traveling all day, and sat down under a broom bush and prayed that he might die.

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Relationships

Refocus

How to refocus on others...

1. Look **beyond** yourself.

Romans 11:2-4 CEV

2 God did not turn his back on his chosen people.

Don't you remember reading in the Scriptures how Elijah complained to God about the people of Israel? 3 He said, "Lord, they killed your prophets and destroyed your altars. I am the only one left, and now they want to kill me." 4 But the Lord told Elijah, "I still have seven thousand followers who have not worshiped Baal."

2. Develop a **teachable** heart.

Proverbs 14:6 AMP

A scoffer seeks Wisdom in vain [for his very attitude blinds and deafens him to it],
but knowledge is easy to him who [being teachable] understands.

3. Show an **interest** in other people.

Philippians 2:4 NLT

Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

4. Treat others according to their **potential**.

Philippians 2:3 NLT

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others.

Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.

1 Kings 19:15-16 NKJV

15 Then the Lord said to him: "Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazeal as king over Syria. 16 Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place.

5. **Care** for people before confronting them.

Luke 9:54-56 NKJV

54 And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?"
 55 But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. 56 For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them."

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