

What are You Doing Here?



**“But the Lord said to him, “What are you doing here,
Elijah?”**

The Lord | 1 Kings 17:9 (NLT)

What Does God Want You to See?

One of the most important skills of a great coach is the ability to ask powerful questions. A poignant question cuts through fluff and excuses, exposing a weakness in one’s core beliefs. Once illuminated, deep-rooted beliefs form, priorities are reset, and growth occurs. So, imagine God, your perfect coach, nailing you with a powerful question. I’d be quivering as I tried to express myself.

Now imagine being asked the same question a second or even a third time...after you have already given your best answer...ouch! Should you keep giving him the same answer again and again...perhaps God didn't hear you? Considering that God already knows what you will say, a better thought might be, "What does God want me to see?"

Seeking a Deeper-Rooted Belief

After doing an incredible work, glorifying God having putting the prophets of Baal in their place, and ending the draught, Elijah had expected a renewed openness to the Lord from the king and queen. Instead, Jezebel vows to kill him. Exasperated, he has reached the point of giving up, so he flees to Sinai to meet God.

God asks, "*What are you doing here, Elijah?*" and Elijah proceeds to spew out everything that has happened. Was he looking for sympathy from God?

God responds, "*Go out and stand before me on the mountain.*" (A bit like being called to the principal's office?)

After showing himself, God asks his question again "*What are you doing here, Elijah?*" Amazingly, Elijah responds with the same answer... Did he consider that God might be seeking more than a rehash of his problems? Clearly God wanted Elijah to see things differently, form a deeper-rooted belief in God and reset his priorities accordingly.

"A third time he asked him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'" Jesus Christ | John 21:17 (NLT)

Jesus used this same powerful questioning method with Peter. Despite witnessing the crucifixion and the subsequent risen Christ, Peter decides

to turn back to his old trade. Like Elijah, he's at the point of giving up so he "flees to fishing," the comfort zone of his former life.

Jesus meets him at the shore and provides the fishermen with a net breaking catch. A bonanza! Suddenly Peter realizes this is the Lord's doing, not his fishing prowess. Jesus showed Peter his presence, power and compassion yet again through this miracle. After an fantastic breakfast of fresh fish, Jesus drills Peter with the powerful question, "Do you love me?" ... a shorter way to say "If you love me, what are you doing here fishing for fish?"

Repeating himself like Elijah, Peter gave the same answer three times! Clearly God wanted Peter to see things differently, form a deeper-rooted belief in God and reset his priorities accordingly.

God Won't Let You Stray

I totally appreciate Elijah's and Peter's responses. Pursuing the work God has you here to do (your Life Mission) can be rough. Many times, I have felt like giving up, have you?

These guys had really good excuses to quit. Has anyone ever threatened to kill you? Have you witnessed the man you thought was the savior of the world brutally killed before your eyes, having denied him three times? Are the obstacles you face anywhere close to these?

Just like Elijah and Peter, our tendency when facing challenges as we pursue our Life Missions is to flee to a place of comfort, perhaps wanting to slide back to do what we used to do. Then we give God placating answers and excuses when he asks "What are you doing here?"

How can God let you stray from what he's asked you to do?

God is not asking his powerful questions in a condemning way, but more to be like a mirror. In a sense saying “Look deeply at yourself, now look at me... let me ask you again...

...What are you doing here?”

Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

As I See God More Fully, He Keeps Me on My Life Mission.

“In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”

Proverbs 3:6 (ESV)



Don't know your Life Mission?

Need a plan for how to move ahead? Engage the Advisor Guided, **Reach New Peaks Workshop**. It will change your life. Guaranteed. Schedule a free consultation on how to start the process:

“

“If one is seeking direction in life and looking forward to new adventures, **this workshop is the perfect trail map** to get you to your destination!”

~ DAN B.
Life Mission: Shaping radical existence in the everyday



Mission Curve Process—Guaranteed

Adventuring with God

Latest Blog Posts



Bad Leaders Make Good Team Members

In our church service a couple of weeks ago a woman stood up to give her testimony. “Follow your heart!” she said as she explained how she made a major decision in her life. I felt a twinge in my gut... [Keep reading](#)



Again

Back in 2009 I faced a major health scare, seemingly out of the blue. An intense 5 days started with an ugly blood test. I was immediately referred to another doctor, then ultimately a blood specialist. My mind raced as I tried... [Keep reading](#)

[View All Blogs](#)



Copyright © 2021 Mission Curve Advisors, All rights reserved.
You are receiving this email because you opted in via our website.

Our mailing address is:
Mission Curve Advisors
18160 Cottonwood Rd PMB 440
Bend, OR 97707-9317

[Add us to your address book](#)

Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

