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Speaker-AM: Josh Vinyard

Title: God's Power In Little Things

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The Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind
rent the mountains, and brake n pieces the rocks
before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the
wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the
Lord was not in the earthquake: And after the
earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the
fire: and after the first a still small voice

∞ 1 Kings 19:11-12

Why Me?, October 16, 2023 by Doy Moyer

If the blind man of John 9 asked, “Why me?” the answer would be “that the works of God might be displayed in you.”

If the paralytic from Mark 2 asked, “Why me?” the answer would be “that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.”

If Paul, in II Corinthians, asked, “Why me?” the answer would be

to learn to “rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead” (II Corinthians 1:9), and “so that the power of Christ may rest upon me” (II Corinthians 12:9). “Why me?” need not be a negative question, but it does need to be self-reflective. It can lead to an answer demonstrating selfishness and bitterness, or it can lead to a God-glorifying response that demonstrates reliance on God. Which it shall be is up to us.

Running Away and Running To, October 29, 2023 by Perry Hall

James 4:7-8 is taking on a more powerful meaning to me. Here's the text:

"Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded" (James 4:7-8 CSB).

Why would the devil flee when we submit to God? First, let's define "flee": "To flee away, seek safety by flight" (Thayer). So Satan runs away from danger! What danger is there?

Submitting to God (James 4:7) is drawing near to God, which leads to God drawing near to us. Satan runs away from us because he is running away from God!

If we want to be on God's side, if we want to scare Satan away, we need to run to God for safety. Then Satan will run away from both us and God.