



RESILIENT

Sabbatical 2024

1 Kings 19:9-18

Larsen Sabbatical Summer 2024



- May 13 - Late July
- Priorities: Abiding, memories with family, debriefing.
- Fellowship: Small group throughout, Sundays play by ear.
- Thanks for prayers and sabbatical

















1 Kings 18:22

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“Why don’t you give the same kind of thought and planning to our family?”



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Children do not simply ask us to be good accountants or teachers or engineers or project managers: they ask us to be good *men*. And they do not simply require eight hours of our attention, but in some sense, all of it.



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“...one of the best things we can do for our kids is to give God’s pleasure a bodily presence in our big laughter and bright eyes and strong arms — to love them so manifestly that they fall asleep feeling, *My dad delights in me.*”





DO HARD THINGS!

LONG bike riding.
-DAD

Hiking **MT ELBERT**.

Sitting through
a **HOT** baseball game.
watch

Learning to play
the **KEYBOARD**.
watch

Running
a **5K**.
watch

24 hours without
ANGRY responses.
watch

Moving **ROCKS**
and **PULLING**
WEEDS.
watch

SWIMMING. Potty **TRAINING**.
watch JWD A.H.

Overcoming **SPIDER** fear.

MULCH day.
watch

6+ hour **ROADTRIP**.
watch DS JWDH





















Elijah's Repeated Refrain

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- He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars...and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” (1 Kings 19:10)
- “...I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” (1 Kings 19:14)



Psalm 56:8

You have kept count of my tossings;
put my tears in your bottle.
Are they not in your book?

John,

Thanks for being who you are
and doing what you do—

you're appreciated
more than you know.













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1 Kings 19:18

“Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

THANK
YOU!!!





Resilient Takeaways

- Meet God



Resilient Takeaways

- Meet God
- Family/Marriage



Resilient Takeaways

- Meet God
- Family/Marriage
- Celebration



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- Meet God
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- Jesus, and Jesus only