

# SERMON OUTLINE

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Sunday Morning 4/5/09

## *“Recharging”*

### **I. Why We Get Worn Down**

- A. We feel alone in our fight: **1 Kings 19:1-3,10** - “I alone am left...”
  - 1. We often have a let-down after a great victory
- B. We feel defeated: **Luke 24:17-21** - On the road to Emmaus
  - 1. Have you ever felt this way? There is no way out, it’s over!!!
- C. We get caught up in the world: **Luke 8:14** - The thorny soil.
  - 1. With the “ups and downs” of life... worries and pleasures!
- D. We feel insignificant: **2 Kings 6:15** - Syria’s army encircles.
  - 1. Have you ever felt powerless?
- E. Our sins have overcome us: **Luke 22:61-62** – Peter denying Christ
  - 1. How close did Peter come to throwing it all away?

### **II. What Happens in These “Low” Times**

- A. Run from responsibility - Elijah ran away and turned off
- B. Hope dies - two men on road
- C. Spirituality is choked - sower
- D. Faith diminishes; doubt, fear, and dread come - servant of Elisha
- E. Self-centeredness increases - Peter, perhaps

### **III. Recharging**

- A. (Elijah) “7000 who have not bowed their knee” – **1 Kings 19:18**
  - 1. You are not alone in your fight!
  - 2. God will provide help – **Luke 22:43** - an angel appeared
- B. (Peter) “Feed My sheep” – **John 21:15-17**
  - 1. Faced with his own personal failures - want to give up
  - 2. Jesus DOESN’T say, “I told you so...”
  - 3. Overcoming - begins with doing the little things for others
  - 4. A God-given job to do – let’s simply do it, let God work in it
- C. (Elisha’s servant) “Those who are with us are more” – **2 Kings 6:16**
  - 1. Do you ever feel like Satan is winning? – Depressing?
  - 2. Influence on your kids, temptations to sin, pull on your brothers and sisters... God is stronger
  - 3. Stand tall, confident, fight the battle – God is stronger!!!
- D. (Two men) “Believe the prophets” – **Luke 24:25-26**
  - 1. Have FAITH – God is working!!! – He knows what’s going on!!!
  - 2. **1 Corinthians 10:13; Philipians 4:19; Romans 8:28; Hebrews 13:5**