

NBC Devotional
February 21, 2024
“1 Kings 19”

Dr. Mark Lindstrom, NBC Board of Trustees member and Chairman of the Governance Committee shared in Chapel today from 1 Kings 19.

Elijah was discouraged, and God told him to go to the mountain, because God was going to pass by. God told Elijah to anoint Elisha. And God encouraged Elijah by telling him that he had 7,000 people in Israel who had not bowed their knee to Baal. Although Elijah felt like he was the only one serving God, he was not alone.

NBC is serving God in a different time than when she started over 50 years ago. God is still speaking, although things might look different.

Dr. Lindstrom encouraged that we need to take care of ourselves. Elijah said twice in the above story, “I’m the only one.” But God said, he had 7,000 who loved Him. Don’t let the discouragement of the job take your joy away. Keep faithful, because God cares for us, for His church, and NBC.

Keep doing what we do best – teach and disciple those called by God. Dr. Lindstrom reflected on a couple from his local church when he was growing up. They were steady people with a long view in mind. They invested in Mark, day after day with no fanfare. Luke 10:2 says, “the laborers are few.” We need laborers. Disciple making isn’t front page news. It IS the real stuff we do for Christ. The work we do through NBC is critical with the long view in mind. As a D.S., he sees people that have received a touch from NBC that are making a difference as pastors and workers for God.

Continue loving God, the Church of the Nazarene, and the Holiness message.

Dr. Mark Lindstrom