

God's Protection From Burnout

“Apart from the sustaining presence of God, the pressures of the ministry are more than any man or woman can bear.”

We, as church leaders, confront intractable problems, a morally bankrupt culture, as well as the spiritual forces of darkness. How are we to survive this onslaught, let alone flourish in the ministry?

Aloneness, exhaustion, pressures and expectations, are all major contributing factors in this battle, but burnout is primarily the result of an inadequate view of God and not drawing on His eternal resources. Burnout is a terrible and multifaceted battle for each one of us, and unless God meets us in the ministry with a sense of His sustaining presence, none of us will be able to endure.

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Four encouraging sessions to help leaders to understand:

When We Are Alone and Empty, God Comes to Us

When Elijah was alone and empty, God provided food, water, rest, a co-worker, and confronted him with the hard questions concerning his circumstances and responses. But most of all, God came to Elijah in the midst of the battle and called him to “stand in His presence.”

Walking In the Father's Vision

When Solomon became cynical and despaired of his work, God taught him about His sovereignty and His eternal purposes. Jesus' ministry life-style is our most practical protection from ministry burnout. He “walked in the Father's vision” and entered into His eternal work.

Dealing With Disappointments

The prophets teach us how to endure in the ministry when our people do not respond, when pain and disappointment are more than we can bear, and when God does not fulfill our expectations.

God's Keeping Grace: Finishing Well

We learn from David how our ministries flow primarily out of our passions rather than our insights, and from Paul the secrets of “finishing well” in the work that God has set before us.