

The Still Small Voice of God



There was something special about this scene that prompted me to take this picture. It was as if the sand, clouds, ocean, person walking along a quiet, sandy beach under a looming storm had a message beyond what was tangibly in front of me.

I was reminded of the contrast between the overwhelming forces of nature and the peace found in solitude. This directly connects to the idea of “the still small voice of God” that Elijah encountered in the wilderness told in 1 Kings 19.

In life, much like the image, we may find ourselves walking through paths that lead into looming uncertainty, even storms. The dark clouds mirror the chaotic circumstances that can surround us—whether emotional turmoil, challenges, or spiritual confusion. Yet the person walking calmly through this stark landscape embodies the journey of faith and quiet trust.

This speaks to how, even in the midst of life's storms, God's voice can still be heard in the silence. Just as the figure in the image walks in a place of beauty and quiet despite the approaching storm, we too are called to find God not in the noise of the world but in moments of stillness and reflection. God's whisper comes in those quiet spaces, when we pause to listen in the midst of life's turbulence, and trust that His presence is always with us, even when the skies seem dark.

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