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The Path of Provision taught you to overcome one temptation of fear using the knowledge of His abundance as a defense. Even after you've tasted and seen God's royal provision, there are times when He asks you to trust Him on a deeper level. And honestly, fear can tempt you to relapse into spiritual amnesia and forget God's goodness!

Journeying across The Echo Canyon is a time to exercise deep faith! You may be surprised to see that there's a canyon such as this in His Royal Garden. It's unique purpose is to teach you to hear His voice in the scariest places and drown out any other voices that are not of Him.

Is anything frightening you? Does fear rob you of joy, rest, or peace? Fearful circumstances may have you paralyzed, but don't leave your focus there. Instead, look at your Savior who has never left your side. Listen to His voice. And take His Hand to cross the canyon...one step at a time.



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As mentioned on The Path of Provision, trust is so important in your relationship with God. Without it you fall back on your own understanding, and you cannot remain in The Royal Garden with that perspective. Just head on back to the Infirmary, right???

Is there anything you are going through that God is asking you to trust Him with on a deeper level? Is anything frightening you? Are you trying to handle it with logic rather than entrusting control of it to God? How is that working for you?

If fear is robbing you of joy, rest, or peace then it may be that you have found another place in The Royal Garden, a unique and unexpected spot — The Echo Canyon. Yet this is the place where you learn to not look down at the single slippery stone beneath your feet — seemingly the only thing between you and the plummeting jagged canyon below — and you hear the Master's voice guiding you along.

You grab the hand of Jesus, commit your paralyzing fear to Him, and ask Him for assistance. To do so, you must step out in faith and trust Him to keep you steady. One step at a time. "The steps of the Godly are directed by the Lord. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will not fall, for the Lord holds them by the hand." (Psalm 37:23-24). Yes, you're in The Royal Garden in the very presence of God, and this verse is for you. Hold His hand; He will not let you fall.

But what about all the voices that echo around you? Many opinions, including your own, clutter the signal between you and the Master if you allow them. The enemy whispers, "You'll never make it. You're not enough. What's the point? Just quit." And sometimes, you've heard these whispers so often that you've come to believe them. The enemy has indoctrinated you with filthy little lies that affect you in a big way.

How do you know which voices to be listening to in your darkest hour of need? Elijah experienced this in the pit of his depression alone in a cave and after being hunted down by the wicked Jezebel. Elijah had just prayed to die. That's how bad it was for him.

The voices he heard, or at least what he was telling himself, was this: I am no better than my fathers, and I alone am left. But God showed up in a big way to annihilate those lies. "And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire **a still small voice.**" (1 Kings 19:11-12) And God's still small voice whispered **truth** to Elijah: you're not alone, I've reserved 7,000 in Israel to come alongside you, go...I still have meaningful work for you to do.

What voices are you listening to? Have you learned on The Mystery Mountain how to discern the true voice of God? Jesus will help you cross the tiny stones dispersed and suspended across the canyon's expanse, an unbelievably scary airborne path! You realize that each step gets easier across The Echo Canyon when your eyes are fixed on Him, your ears tuned in to His voice, and your thoughts are filtered by the truth of his faithfulness... keeping you out of spiritual amnesia and safely to the other side!