《天路导向》双语讲义

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SECTION A

甲部

- 1. Hello listening friends, we are glad you've joined us one more time 亲爱的朋友你好,很高兴你再次收听这个节目。
- 2. And those of you who have been listening to this program, you know that we are in the midst of a series entitled "How God Works" 一直在收听这节目的朋友都知道,现在我们正在进行「上帝的方法」这系列的信息,
- 3. We will continue our look at the life of Elijah 我们要继续查考以利亚的生平。
- 4. Last time we have learned that Elijah left a great victory and began what I call, post-victory doldrums
 上次我们看见以利亚在一场伟大的胜利之后,陷入所谓的"胜利后忧郁症"中。
- 5. Elijah made his first mistake when he was fearful and took action by running away 以利亚的第一个错误就是,他一害怕就逃跑,
- 6. And he ran away without checking to see what the Lord wants him to do 匆匆逃亡却没有询问神的旨意。
- 7. And we learned the first principle in the very last message you remember 还记得上次信息所讲的第一个功课是什么吗?
- 8. And it is this 那就是,
- 9. Do not make a major decision without a word from the Lord 在作重大决定时,不能没有神话语的指引,
- 10. Particularly after a great spiritual victory 尤其在一场伟大的属灵胜利之后。
- 11. The second principle is this 第二个原则是,

- 12. Elijah left himself alone at a time when he least needed to be alone 以利亚在最不该离群独处时,却孤零零一个人。
- 13. He left his servant at Beersheba and went on for a days journey 他把仆人留在别是巴,然后独自走了一天的路程,
- 14. And there he sat under a tree 他坐在一棵树下,
- 15. Putting his head between his knees and said, God, kill me and kill me now 他把头埋在两膝之间说:神啊!现在就杀了我吧!
- 16. As I told you before, when you are down, you are lonely 我说过,当你沮丧时会感到孤单,
- 17. And when you are lonely, you are also down 你孤单时也会感到沮丧。
- 18. Some of you may say well, wait a minute, wait a minute 有些人会说,慢着,
- 19. Didn't our Lord go away alone to be with the Father 主耶稣不也是离开人群单独到天父面前吗?
- 20. Yes 是的。
- 21. There are times when you must surely be alone with God in prayer 有时候你必须独自向神祷告,
- 22. This is vitally important 这是十分重要的,
- 23. But this is not one of these times in the life of Elijah 但此时以利亚并非处于这种情况。
- 24. In times when you move from great victory to sudden defeat, these are not the times to be alone

 当你从伟大的胜利突然跌落失败的低公中。

当你从伟大的胜利突然跌落失败的低谷中, 就不应该孤单一人。

- 25. Can you imagine with me 让我们想想看,
- 26. If Elijah's servant was indeed the son of the widow of Zaraphath 假如以利亚的仆人真是撒勒法寡妇的儿子,
- 27. Can you imagine what he would have said to Elijah 你能不能想象他会对以利亚说什么?
- 28. If he had been there and heard Elijah asking God to kill him, probably he would have said the following 如果他在那儿听见以利亚向神求死,他可能会说,
- 29. Oh, no Elijah, don't you remember what God did for us in Zaraphath 使不得,以利亚,难道你忘了神在撒勒法时 怎样对待我们吗?
- 30. He would have said to him, don't you remember the cruth of oil and the jar of flour 他可能会说,难道你忘了我们的油瓶和面坛了吗?
- 31. Don't you remember that I was dead and you stretched yourself over me and God brought me to life again? 难道你忘了,我曾死去,你伏在我身上祷告,神就让我从死里复活吗?
- 32. No Elijah 别这样,以利亚,
- 33. There is hope in God 对神要有盼望。
- 34. Don't you remember how you sent me out toward the sea 7 times to look for rain after 3 ½ years of drought 还记得经过三年半旱灾之后,你七次差我向海观看是否会下雨吗?
- 35. Remember all those times I kept going back and you never distrusted God 别忘了我一次一次来回跑,你都没有失去对神的信靠,
- 36. You have never doubted God 你从没有怀疑神。
- 37. God answered your prayer and rain came Elijah 以利亚,神答应你的祷告降下雨来。,

- 38. Have you forgotten the fire from heaven that licked everything in sight including the water 难道你忘了,天火烧尽所有的祭物和沟里的水吗?
- 39. No, God's still in the miracle business 别忘了神至今仍然行神迹。
- 40. You see, Elijah did not need to be alone at this point in his life 你明白吗?此时此刻以利亚不应该孤零零一个人的,
- 41. And this is why each of you must belong to a church or a group of people to minister to you 所以你应该归属于一间教会,或一个属灵的团体,在其中彼此服事。
- 42. Some of you are trying to walk alone 有些人喜欢独来独往,
- 43. And alone is the last thing you should be doing right now 然而,现在不是单枪匹马的时候。
- 44. Some of you right now are trying to grit you teeth and clinch your fist and say well I am one of the tough ones 可能就在此时,有人咬牙切齿擦拳摩掌地说,我很坚强,没事儿。
- 45. What you really need to do is surrender your toughness and let God give you a Christian friend to walk with you 不要硬撑了,你应该让神带领一位基督徒朋友来伴随你。
- 46. And the third lesson is this 第三个功课是,
- 47. When you are down, you lose perspective 当你垂头丧气时,你失去了洞察力;
- 48. When you are down you lose objectivity 当你垂头丧气时,你失去了客观性。
- 49. And there's something very interesting here I want you to notice 请注意这里很有趣的一点,
- 50. It is in chapter 19 verse 2 列王纪上 19 章第 2 节,
- 51. Elijah ran away from Jezebel because he did not want her to kill him 以利亚因为怕耶洗别要杀他而逃跑,
- 52. And then he goes to God and says, God, kill me 但却跑到神那里,要神杀他。

- 53. This is like double talk 这不是自相矛盾吗?
- 54. If Elijah wanted to die 如果以利亚真想死,
- 55. He couldn't have found a better killer than Jezebel 耶洗别是最佳杀手了,
- 56. She would have killed him with passion 她巴不得杀了以利亚呢!
- 57. Why is this double talk 为什么这么矛盾呢?
- 58. Because when you are in the bosom of defeat you lose touch with reality 因为当你陷入失败的愁云惨雾中,你就会脱离现实。
- 59. Look at what Elijah said 看看以利亚怎么说,
- 60. I am not better than my ancestors 我不胜于我的列祖。
- 61. What does that mean 这是什么意思啊?
- 62. I want to give you an explanation first 让我先解释解释,
- 63. It's like this 他的意思是这样的,
- 64. Nobody likes me 没有人喜欢我,
- 65. Everybody hates me 人人都讨厌我,
- 66. I'm going to eat some worms 我做什么都没人理,
- 67. Everything looks futile to me 什么都没意思!
- 68. It's like a funny story that I heard not so long ago 就像我最近听到的一个笑话,
- 69. A mother was trying to wake up her son one Sunday morning to wake up and go to church 星期天早晨,母亲叫儿子起床到教会去,
- 71. You need to go to church 该到教会去了。

- 72. But he said to her, no, I'm not going to church today 但儿子说,今天我不去,
- 73. I'm going to sleep today 我要睡觉!
- 74. Finally he said to her 最后他对母亲说,
- 75. I'm not going to that church because people don't love me there 我不去教会,因为那儿的人都不喜欢我,
- 76. They hate me 他们都恨我。
- 77. She said no they don't, you're just imagining that 母亲说,别乱说,那儿有这回事?
- 78. He said, well, give me two good reasons why I should go to church this morning 儿子说,告诉我两个理由,为什么今天非去教会不可?
- 79. She said, number one 母亲说,第一,
- 80. You are over 40 years of age 你已经是超过 40 岁的人了;
- 81. Number two 第二,
- 82. You are the pastor of the church 你是教会的牧师呀!
- 83. Well, when Elijah was discouraged 当以利亚灰心丧志时,
- 84. He began to think of the thousands of people who lived faithfully for Yahweh 他想起千千万万忠于耶和华的人,
- 85. Many of whom died for Yahweh 许多人甚至为耶和华而死。
- 86. Those nameless people, those faceless people throughout the generations, all the way back to Moses 从摩西的时代起,历世历代以来,有许多无名的忠诚信徒。
- 87. And then he began to t hink of himself 然后他想到自己,
- 88. He said I'm not better than they are 他说,我比不上他们,
- 89. I want to die right now 我现在就想死。

90. Elijah did not know that he was going to wind up in this series of messages on "How God works"

当时以利亚并不知道,今天我们会在「上帝的方法」这系列信息中讲他的事迹;

- 91. He did not know that he would be mentioned in the book of James 他也不知道,新约的雅各书会提到他;
- 92. He did not even know he would be in the Scripture 甚至他连自己会出现在圣经中都不知道。
- 93. So anytime you sit down and you start feeling sorry for yourself, remember Elijah 所以,当你开始感到沮丧自怜时,想想以利亚吧!
- 94. There is something else at work here 这里还有个关键,
- 95. Which is the fourth principle 也就是第四个原则,
- 96. Elijah was truly exhausted 以利亚已筋疲力尽了。
- 97. He was physically exhausted 他耗尽了体力,
- 98. He was emotionally exhausted 他耗尽了心力,
- 99. He was spiritually exhausted 他耗尽了灵力。

SECTION B

乙部

- 1. And you can find that in chapter 19 verse 5 你可以从 19 章第 5 节看见,
- 2. It is really the bottom line of his depression and discouragement 他已经陷入情绪的最低谷。
- 3. He fell asleep 他睡着了,
- 4. It was a sleep of depression 这是忧郁的睡眠。
- 5. Some of you know what I am talking about 有些人明白我说什么,
- 6. It is that despondent, depleting type of sleep 这是山穷水尽绝望中的昏睡,

- 7. It is the kind of sleep that when you wake up you are more tired than when you went to sleep 这种睡眠,当睡醒时往往会感到更疲倦。
- 8. Why was he physically exhausted 为什么他会筋疲力尽呢?
- 9. He had just ran 100 miles as fast as he could to get away from Jezebel 他为了逃避耶洗别,狂奔了 100 哩路。
- 10. How was he emotionally and spiritually exhausted 为什么他心灵的力量也耗尽枯竭呢?
- 11. Nothing can emotionally and spiritually and psychologically exhaust you like spiritual warfare 没有比属灵的争战更能消耗我们身心灵的力量的。
- 12. When you have endured confrontation with the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel, 当你在迦密山上,竭力对抗巴力的先知们,
- 13. And then spent time imploring God to fulfill his promises 又花了不少时间祈求神实现祂的应许,
- 14. And then confront this wicked witch, Jezebel 还要面对邪恶的耶洗别,
- 15. All of that is going to get you emotionally depleted 这一切都会大量消耗你的精神体力。
- 16. Now some people don't understand that ministry takes life out of people 有些朋友不理解,事奉的工作是会消耗生命的,
- 17. I want to tell you the best part 但我要告诉你,从积极来看,
- 18. The greatest part about this episode is not Elijah's depression or discouragement or weakness or fear 以利亚的忧郁、失望、软弱和惧怕,并非他遭遇中最显著的部分,
- 19. No 不是!
- 20. The greatest part of this story is how God restored him 最值得注意的是,神如何使他重新振作起来。
- 21. This series is about how God works 这系列讲的是《上帝的方法》,

- 22. How God deals with us 神如何对待我们?
- 23. And this is it 就是这个,
- 24. This is the nugget of all nuggets 精华中的精华,
- 25. What do you think the Bible said 圣经怎么说?
- 26. Did it say 是否这样?
- 27. And the Lord God yelled to Elijah and said to him 耶和华神斥责以利亚说,
- 28. You are a weak-willed, vacillating wimp 你这个软弱无能没主见的懦夫,
- 29. I gave you an important assignment and you blew it 我对你负以重任,你却把事情给搞砸了。
- 30. No, no, no, and a million no 没有,绝对没有。
- 31. How does God deal with a depressed and discouraged servant of his 神如何对待祂垂头丧气的仆人?
- 32. This is very important 这点很重要。
- 33. When Elijah was down 当以利亚最低落时,
- 34. God matched his every need at every point 神在各方面供应他的需要。
- 35. How? 神怎么做呢?
- 36. Because Elijah did not wait for a word from the Lord 因为以利亚没有等候神话语的指示,
- 37. The Lord gave him a word 神主动对他说话。
- 38. Because Elijah refused to have human companion 因为以利亚拒绝伙伴同行,
- 39. God provided him with an angel for a companion 神差派天使和他作伴。
- 40. Because Elijah needed food and refreshment 因为以利亚需要饮水和食物,

- 41. God provided him with some 上帝就供应给他。
- 42. God met him at every point of his needs 神在各方面满足他的需求。
- 43. When you are down, God doesn't say to you 当你情绪低落时,神不会对你说
- 44. You miserable person, , you have failed you have let me down 你这个倒霉鬼,真没出息! 你让我太失望了!
- 45. This is not our God 我们的神不会这样。
- 46. This is not how our God works with his faithful children when they get blindsided 当神的儿女失败时,祂非但不会这样对待他们,
- 47. More than anything else, God knew that Elijah needed some rest and refreshment from the Lord 反而更关切他们的需要,神很清楚以利亚需要休息和饮食。
- 48. the angel did not say 天使没有说,
- 49. Elijah, get up and ponder the great doctrine of the sovereignty of God 起来,以利亚你应该思想神的伟大和主权。
- 50. No 没有!
- 51. Not at this time 这不是时候,
- 52. Why not 为什么?
- 53. At that point in his life Elijah needed food and drink, not doctrine 以利亚这时需要的是饮食,而不是神学思想。
- 54. He did not need a book to read or a cassette to listen to 这时他不需要看书或听磁带,
- 55. There is a place and time for all of that 可以用另外的时间场合做这些事,
- 56. At that point, he needed to eat and to drink and to rest 但此时此刻,他最需要的就是吃的、喝的和休息。

- 57. After he ate and drank, he went back to sleep 当他吃饱喝足了,他又睡着了。
- 58. Because he was in desperate need of sleep 他太需要睡眠啦!
- 59. I remember one time I went for three straight nights without sleep at all 我记得有一次我三天三夜没睡,
- 60. I was traveling overseas 那时我正在海外旅行,
- 61. And I went for three days and three nights without sleep 一连三天三夜没法睡觉,
- 62. And then I collapsed 结果我累垮了。
- 63. I was so glad that my companions were taking me around because I did not know where I was 我人地生疏,幸好有朋友带路,
- 64. They checked me into the hotel and I went to sleep 他们让我住进旅馆,我倒头就睡,
- 65. And then they woke me up when it was time to go 然后叫醒我,继续上路,
- 66. And I went to the next place and I went to sleep 到下一站我再继续睡。
- 67. And that's exactly what Elijah needed at this point 这时候的以利亚也正需要睡眠,
- 68. After he rested, the angel woke him up because now Elijah was ready to resume his ministry 当他休息过了,天使来叫醒他,以利亚才可以恢复他的工作,
- 69. God was ready to talk to him 神也有话对他说。
- 70. God talked him through the earthquake 神在地震中说话,
- 71. But he did not really speak to him 其实并没有说什么;
- 72. He talked him through the fire 神在火焰中说话,
- 73. But he didn't really speak to him 但也没说什么;
- 74. He waited until he spoke to him in a gentle whisper 最后神以微小的声音对他说话。

- 75. Let me conclude by saying this 现在我要总结今天所讲的,
- 76. I really had great hesitation in working on this message 其实当我预备这篇信息时,觉得很犹豫,
- 77. And I had some fear 也有些担心。
- 78. What fear you may ask 你问我,你担心什么?
- 79. What I am saying to you is dangerous 我担心自己所说的会带来一些危机。
- 80. I'm going to tell you why 让我告诉你为什么,
- 81. It is dangerous because some slothful, lazy people are going to say 有些懒惰散漫的人可能会说,
- 82. That's exactly what I wanted to hear 这正是我爱听的。
- 83. My fear when I give you a message like this 我担心所讲的信息会产生误导,
- 84. The slothful and the lazy and those who are watching and doing nothing will take it as an excuse 那些懒惰的、散漫的和游手好闲、袖手旁观的人就有借口了。
- 85. On the other hand 但另一方面,
- 86. Those who are exhausted and frazzled and hard-worked 那些疲惫不堪尽心竭力的工作者,
- 87. Are going to take it seriously and work harder 却可以得到鼓励,更加认真勤奋的工作。
- 88. So I don't want you to mix yourselves up 所以请不要误会其中的意义,
- 89. This is a word from the Lord 这是神的话,
- 90. To those who work hard 对于勤奋事奉者、
- 91. And never rest 从不休息的、
- 92. Those who give sacrificially 牺牲付出的、
- 93. And always ready to do what needs to be done 看见有需要就去做的、

- 94. And never rest 从不停顿的,
- 95. God wants you to take time for rest 神要你挪出时间来休息。
- 96. But to those of you who are spectators and watchers 然而袖手旁观的,
- 97. And you only warm the pew when you get to church 你到教会去只是安坐观众席的,
- 98. There's another message for you 我给你另一篇信息。
- 99. Get on with serving the Lord 现在就开始事奉主吧!
- 100. Do something for God 为主做些事,
- 101. Don't make any excuses for not serving God 别为自己找借口逃避事奉,
- 102. I hope that this is going to be your decision today 我盼望这是你今天的抉择。
- 103. Until we meet again 让我们下次节目再会,
- 104. I wish you God's richest blessing 愿神大大的赐福给你。