RUNAWAY ELIJAH:

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Matthew 11:28, Jesus's promise to YOU:

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and **I will give you rest**." --NKJV "Venid a mí todos los que estáis trabajados y cargados, y **yo os haré descansar**." -

--RVR

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"RUN AWAY! RUN AWAY!" yell the voices in my head. **"RUN AWAY! RUN AWAY!** Do you think that God would help a sinner like YOU? Help a bad person like YOU?" voices yell. There's no hope for you," voices yell.

BUT NO! -- DON'T GIVE UP! DON'T RUN AWAY..... FROM GOD'S LOVE.... Matthew 11: 28, Jesus wants to comfort you.

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"COME TO ME!" Jesus calls. "Come to Me, I'll give you rest." That's Matthew Eleven. You'll find Jesus promised YOU rest, verse 28... Jesus wants to comfort you...

YES! God comforts You-- DON'T GIVE UP! DON'T RUN AWAY..... FROM GOD'S LOVE.... Matthew 11: 28, **Jesus wants to comfort you.**

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Elijah was a great prophet, First Kings 19 shows. Yet like you, he had fear, and he started fearing God would NOT give rest to him. Elijah ran from his problems. God did NOT condemn him but gave him rest.

God's the same for you -- DON'T RUN AWAY..... FROM GOD'S LOVE.... Matthew 11: 28, Jesus wants to comfort you.

Song Story.

The story in First Kings 19 is one of my favorites. Here Elijah is --God has just used Elijah's faith to prove yet again to people at the altars of Baal that God is Almighty and All-Powerful, the Only God. And **after all that proof**, Elijah gets *one little threatening note* from Jezebel... from a long distance, no less.... and starts whining to Almighty God,

"Oh God, You may as well let me die now." Did God zap Elijah? Nope. God sent ravens with food, and then gave Elijah a deep sleep beside refreshing waters (in the midst of a long drought).

People have laughed at me for using the word "ZAP" in my songs that God inspired, *"JUST AS I AM: LOVED"* and in *"IMPERCIPIENT"* to show that God doesn't give us what we deserve -- but they end up agreeing that "zap" is a perfect word. God's unlimited love is simply amazing. God does not just zap us though we deserve that for our unbeliefs in the midst of all that God's done for us.

This song was written for a specific reason I won't share, and God did not zap me in anger at my days of anguished prayers – even prayers that God would leave me alone and **let** me just run away from some church stuff... I'm updating this page 5 years later and STILL grieving to remember... BUT resting in God's love... Trusting Him.

<u>Like Elijah, we all reach a point of needing rest</u>. And Jesus knew it. He invites each of us: Come to Me, Jesus, and you <u>WILL</u> find rest. Matthew 11:28.