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TITLE: *A Nickel In My Boot*

BIBLE TEXT: *1 Kings 19:11-12 ¹¹Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountains before the Lord ." 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; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.*

PERSONAL REFLECTION: *Recently while I was driving at work, a nickel worked its way out of a hole in my pocket and slowly worked its way down my leg. I couldn't do anything about it while I was driving, so I left it alone. When I got out the next time, it dropped down into my boot and was forgotten about. Over the next couple of days, I was reminded of its presence several times, but it was never anything uncomfortable, it was only there. I would walk, and it would shift, and I would be reminded of it then, and I would think about getting it out, then something else would happen. But it was always there, not causing me any discomfort, only waiting for me to take action.*

PERSONAL APPLICATION: *We have all read in the Bible and have heard the stories of how signs and visions were given to the writers, and as Christians, I think we all spend a lot of time waiting for God to give us a sign as to what we are to do. But the signs we are waiting for are not necessarily going to be great winds or earthquakes, or thundering voices, or written in fire in the sky. But sometimes it is the small inner voice telling us what we should do, if we choose to hear it.*

The nickel is a reminder of how God re-entered my life after a long period where I turned my back on Him for years.

He was there all along.

He was simply waiting on me to take action!

PRAYER: *God, thank You so much for all of Your blessings to us, and for the love of Jesus, who made it all possible. Thank You for all the ways You show Yourself to us, and for letting us learn to understand the things You want us to know. Help us to always try to listen with an open mind, and to see with open eyes, and to always have our hearts open to You. Amen.*

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