

## **SCCC – POST-ACHIEVEMENT SYNDROME**

### **S - Scriptures**

“Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there” I Kings 19: 3

### **C – Consideration**

The prophet in the earlier chapters had heard God’s voice for almost four years. During a long drought, he was miraculously fed by ravens; God raised a boy through his prayer; in Mount Carmel, he rebuked the backslidden nation, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.” After challenging the pagan religion to prove who the true God was, Elijah prayed and, “Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. When all the people saw this, they felt prostrate and cried, “The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!” The last miracle happened this way: “Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees. “Go and look toward the sea,” he told his servant. And he went up and looked. “There is nothing there,” he said. Seven times Elijah said, “Go back.” The seventh time the servant reported, “A cloud as small as a man’s hand is rising from the sea.” Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, and heavy rain started falling.” However, because of the wicked queen Jezebel, Elijah ran away because of her threats.

### **C – Commitment**

The Scriptures show some blessed servants of God dealing with a post-achievement syndrome (PAS). Noah after finishing his mission got drunk; Gideon after defeating the Midianites made a gold ephod; Jeremiah after prophesying for Israel’s remnant not to go to Egypt ended up following them there; Jonah after preaching in Nineveh, was very upset against God; and Elijah had his struggles too. These men in their depressions, fears, and mistakes show us our limitations and vulnerabilities. They bring to our mind that in every victory the true hero is God, we are just vessels; as Paul said, “But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.” In Elijah’s case, the Lord asked him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” In this question, we found the healing for PAS. We must hear God’s voice once again, and move to the place He wants us to be.

### **C – Call**

Lord, help me to see how fragile I am and how great You are. Help me to give You glory in the victories and hear Your voice when fear and struggles come. Help me to obey Your commands keeping in the path You have assigned for my life. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.