

Disciple's Quest

If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.

John 8:31

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Prerequisites for Effective Personal Ministry - Part 1

1 Kings 17

Main Idea:

As we work our way through 1 Kings and consider Elijah's life as a fugitive, we will learn what God requires of us as His believing people to be truly useful in His service.

Outline:

Prerequisite One: To be truly useful in God's service, we must be in the process of being actively disciplined by Him.

At Cherith, three things happened that were critical in Elijah's preparation for continuing in ministry:

- 1) Elijah listened to the word of God.
- 2) Elijah spent time alone with God.
- 3) Elijah observed God's providence.

Prerequisite Two: To be truly useful in God's service, we must continually walk by faith and not by sight.

Elijah's journey from Cherith to Zarephath teaches us three lessons about walking by faith instead of by sight:

- 1) To walk by faith requires that you trust God even when do not understand all the details of His plan.
- 2) To walk by faith requires that you recognize that the human notions of blessing and security are fatally short-sighted.
- 3) Walking by faith is a step by step journey.

