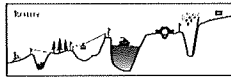


November 2020

Church Life

- If you are a guest with us today, we want to **WELCOME** you! If you haven't done so already, we invite you to stop by our Guest Reception Center in the lobby at the scooter table following the service. Someone will greet you, answer any questions you may have, and give you a gift as a thank-you for worshipping with us today!
- **Bible Reading Plan** - This year, we are encouraging our entire church to read through the Bible in one year. Every weekend, we will be giving away a \$50 gift card to a person who read the readings for the prior week. So here's how this works, please visit the scooter table **BEFORE** service, write your name on a ticket (if you did the readings for the week), and drop it in the bin. Then, at the end of the service, Pastor Adam will pull out a name, and someone will go home with a gift card(all services). We want to encourage our church to be in their Bibles, happy reading!
- Here at Grace, we have a wonderful **meal train ministry**. If any of our church family undergoes a significant life event, like a new baby, surgery, etc., we like to take one thing off their plates by bringing them dinner. If you've done that in the past and would like to continue to be a part of the meal train team (or would like to start!), email Kate Dulmes at kate.dulmes@gmail.com.
- TOPS is meeting at Grace every Tuesday from 5-7 pm. All women are welcome to join. No sign up is needed.
- **Grace Family**, we need some friendly volunteers to join our serving teams. These times have been tricky, but we are so thankful to stay open and worship together! Please fill out your connection card if you are interested.
- This **Christmas**, we would like to generously bless each of our mission partners with gifts to help them celebrate our Savior's birth. The tree in the lobby is covered in ornaments that list various items that each ministry could use to be more effective in reaching people for Jesus and making disciples. If you would like to help, please take an ornament from the tree, purchase the item listed on the ornament, and bring that gift back to the church anytime before **December 15th**. It is your choice whether or not you wrap the gift, but please tape the ornament to the outside so we know where to deliver it.



November 2020

Your Plan & Reality: Becoming a Godly Person

1 Kings 16:30, "Ahab son of Omri did more evil in the eyes of the LORD than any of those before him."

1 Kings 17:1-6, "Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead," "As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word." ² Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: ³ "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴ You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there." ⁵ So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. ⁶ The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook."

How to become a Godly person:

1. Allow God to provide for you when you feel _____.

1 Kings 17:7, ⁷ "Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land."

How to become a Godly person:

2. Learn how to _____ on God.

How to become a Godly person:

3. Trust God with your _____.

1 Kings 17:7-14, ⁷ Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. ⁸ Then the word of the Lord came to him: ⁹ "Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food." ¹⁰ So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" ¹¹ As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread." ¹² "As surely as the Lord your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die." ¹³ Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: "The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.'"

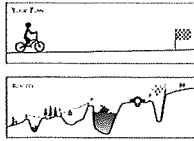
1 Kings 17:19-24, ¹⁹ "Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. ²⁰ Then he cried out to the Lord, "Lord my God, have you brought tragedy even on this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?" ²¹ Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried out to the Lord, "Lord my God, let this boy's life return to him!" ²² The Lord heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived. ²³ Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!" ²⁴ Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord from your mouth is the truth."

Life Application:

Why don't you try to allow God to provide for you this week in some way?

How could you step out in faith this week in such a way that it declares your dependence on God?

How could you show God unconditional obedience this week? Share with someone you trust.



November 29th, 2020

Becoming a Godly Person

1. In Elijah's time, The Northern Kingdom of Israel had experienced nineteen consecutive EVIL kings, spanning about a two-hundred-year time period. Discuss what kinds of things in a typical person's life would be affected by 200 years of evil rule.

READ: 1 Kings 16:30

2. Think about that. This king did more evil than anyone before! And that is the environment in which we learn how to make a Man of God. What does this tell us about God?
3. Finally, God says, "Enough is enough!" How does God decide to handle this pervasive evil?
4. God raises up **ONE** person to take a stand! Talk about how common this is in the Bible. Discuss if God could use you.

READ: 1 Kings 17:1-7

5. Elijah showed tremendous faith in declaring NO MORE RAIN. What would a drought mean to society today?
6. Next we see God taking Elijah into a season of hiding. Why?
7. God shapes Elijah in a very deep season of preparation, almost as if God's saying, "There's so much more I need to do in you, because there's so much more I want to do through you." What if God wanted to do something through you, how would you react?
8. If we examine how God made Elijah into a man of God, we will see three seasons of preparation. How can we become Godly people?

KEY POINT: 1. Allow God to provide for you when you feel isolated.

9. We can learn from Elijah because he is very alone here. Have you ever experienced a time of isolation? What did you learn? Often God works in our hearts during times of trouble and tribulation. This is a preparatory work. God is teaching you something that you couldn't learn any other way. God is doing this work in you, so He can do more through you.

A Quote from Pastor Adam... Now, Kerith in Hebrew means to be cut off from the source, to be cut off from the blessings, or very literally, it means to cut down like you would chop down a tree. You could almost sense what God is saying to Elijah. I'm going to do something in you that's very, very deep, so later on, you can do more than you ever thought possible. A lot of times, people are in Kerith Ravines. They're in a season of pain. They're wondering, "Where is God? Where is God?" And the reality is, oftentimes God is right there doing a deep work in you. He is molding you and preparing you for something!

All of this requires dependence on God. So...

KEY POINT: 2. Learn how to depend on God.

10. Who fed Elijah, where did he get his water? What is the point of this? Have you ever depended this fully on God's provision?
11. How much was Elijah provided at any given time? What is the point?

KEY POINT: 3. Trust God with your unconditional obedience.

READ 1 Kings 17:10-24

12. Suddenly Elijah is given new direction from God. Put yourself in the prophet's place. Do you think you would follow immediately, or would you have a few questions first?
13. Why would God do this?
Often, God has to dry up the brook to give us the courage to leave where we are and to go where we are supposed to be.
14. We see Elijah make a GIANT leap of faith! He takes a dead boy and prays to God, who has ALWAYS provided for him and says, "God, I think You could heal this boy. I'm asking You to do it," and God raises a dead boy to life. Why did this happen?

This widow says, "Wow! Now I know that you are A MAN OF GOD!" And what flows out of a man or woman of God? "The word of the Lord from your mouth is truth."

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