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**Summer at Epic - Part 6 - Facing Fear with Faith
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LIFE'S MOST COMMON FEARS

___ Fear of **LOSS**.

___ Fear of **FAILURE**.

___ Fear of **REJECTION**.

___ Fear of the **UNKNOWN**.

ELIJAH & THE WIDOW AT ZAREPHATH - 1 Kings 17:7-24

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." - 1 Kings 17:10-11

"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." - 1 Kings 17:12

Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid..." - 1 Kings 17:13

FEAR FACTOR

- Fear often reveals what we **VALUE** the most.
- Fear often reveals where we **TRUST GOD** the least.

FACING FEAR WITH FAITH

1) LISTEN.

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." - 1 Kings 17:13

2) TRUST.

"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 17:14

3) OBEY.

She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶ For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.
- 1 Kings 17:15-16

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."
- 1 Kings 17:24