



# WEDNESDAY EVENING

## AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

**Title:** Elijah on Mount Carmel

**Passage:** 1 Kings 18:19-40

**Speaker:** Bro. Zach Clay

**Introduction:** We live in a time where half-hearted Christianity is far too common. People want the benefits of following God without the commitment that it requires. But if we are ever going to see revival in our generation—in our churches, in our homes, in our own hearts—it's going to take more than passive attendance and surface-level worship. It's going to take people who are completely sold out for Christ. People who aren't straddling the fence, but who are all in. Elijah on Mount Carmel stood alone, but he stood boldly. One man, fully committed to God, sparked a turning point for an entire nation. If revival is ever going to happen, it's going to take at least one of God's people to be all in.

### I. He Asks the Right Questions (Verses 19-22)

*"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." (Matthew 6:24)*

Elijah gives them an ultimatum. He says there's no more living in the middle, no more serving God to please the prophets and serving Baal to please Jezebel.

In order for revival to take place, Israel needed to be all in, and they couldn't be all in until they were asked the right questions.

God knows what your heart is given over to, He knows your desperate need for revival.



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## **II. He Is Bold (Verses 25-29)**

*“And God spake all these words, saying, I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God...” (Exodus 20:1-5)*

*“The wicked flee when no man pursueth, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.” (Proverbs 28:1)*

If the devil can't get you to worship him, he's going to get you to worship yourself. As a result, you lose your freedom and your boldness when you give in to the lie that your way is best.

You can't be all in for Christ and not worship Him. You can't be unrighteous and expect to have boldness for Him.

## **III. He Makes Sacrifices (Verses 36-40)**

*“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” (Romans 12:2)*

*“Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.” (Galatians 5:1)*

It is one thing to know who God is, but it is another thing entirely to let Him be the Lord of your life.

*“The funny thing about a living sacrifice is that it keeps trying to crawl off the altar” - Dr. John Goetsch*

Being all in for the cause of Christ is a daily decision—not a one-time commitment. It means choosing every day to place yourself on the altar, fully surrendered to His will.



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**Conclusion:** Revival didn't come to Israel until one man was willing to be all in. Elijah stood on Mount Carmel and made a choice to live fully surrendered to God—and because of that, fire fell from heaven and hearts turned back. The fire consumed the altar—and that's what God wants to do in us: consume what doesn't belong.

*"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." (Romans 12:1)*

Not halfway. Not on Sundays only. Not when it's convenient. Every day. A daily decision to surrender. Are you all in for Christ? Because if revival is ever going to happen, it's going to take a group of Christians who are.



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