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*HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!*

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# 1 Kings 17 - Recap

- Elijah the Tishbite – confronts Ahab in Samaria
- Baal worshiped in the Land – fertility & rain
- Retreat to Cherith – God provided
- Sent to Zarephath in Sidon
- Elijah requires 1<sup>st</sup> bread from her and her son
- God provides!

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# Believe the Unbelievable!

1 Kings 17:17-24

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19 He said to her, “Give me your son.” Then he took him from her bosom and carried him up to the upper room where he was living, and laid him on his own bed.

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20 He called to the LORD and said, “O LORD my God, have You also brought calamity to the widow with whom I am staying, by causing her son to die?”

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21 Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and called to the LORD and said, “O LORD my God, I pray You, let this child’s life return to him.”

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22 The LORD heard the voice of Elijah, and the life of the child returned to him and he revived.

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# Reaction 17,18

- “after these things” 17:7-16
- “no breath left in him” – sick then died
- “what did I do?”
  - John 9:1-12 – blind from birth – ‘who?’
- God’s character – Exodus 34:6,7

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Ex 34:6,7

Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.”

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*“When you go through a trial,  
the sovereignty of God is the  
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# Request 19-21

- Compassionate Response
- Elijah receives the boy from mother – release!
- “man just like us” – James 5
- “O LORD, My God” – his God
- “calamity” – God is still in control!
- 1<sup>st</sup> Resurrection!

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*“The average run-of-the-mill Christian today believes that God can do miracles, but few think he will in any given case.”*

Vance Havner

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Php 4:5-7 “Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

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# Reuniting 22-24

- Jehovah is God – not like other gods!
- Emotional and Relational
- Why did God allow her son to die?
- John 11:11-15 – Jesus and Lazarus
- ‘so that you may believe’
- She believed ‘truth’

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*“As for His failing you, never dream of it - hate the thought of it. The God who has been sufficient until now should be trusted to the end!”*

C.H. Spurgeon

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# Believing the Unbelievable!

- Successful surgery!
- “How religion works: if I obey then God will love and accept me. The Gospel: I am loved and accepted – therefore I wish to obey.” Tim Keller
- Faith is the root – works are the fruit!
- Romans 5:8

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“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

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# Believing the Unbelievable!

- Do you know your Heavenly Father as Elijah does?
- We can have a relationship with God!
- Don't be afraid to ask the unbelievable!

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