

PROPHETS

ELIJAH & ELISHA

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ELIJAH - IMPOSSIBLE PRAYERS
1 KINGS 18:41-46

“ At the usual time for offering the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet walked up to the altar and prayed, ‘O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, prove today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant. Prove that I have done all this at your command. O Lord, answer me! Answer me so these people will know that you, O Lord, are God and that you have brought them back to yourself.’

Immediately the fire of the Lord flashed down from heaven and burned up the young bull, the wood, the stones, and the dust. It even licked up all the water in the trench!”

1 KINGS 18:36-38 (NLT)

“ Then Elijah said to Ahab, ‘Go get something to eat and drink, for I hear a mighty rainstorm coming!’”

1 KINGS 18:41 (NLT)

Impossible Prayers Are _____.

“ So Ahab went to eat and drink. But Elijah climbed to the top of Mount Carmel and bowed low to the ground and prayed with his face between his knees.”

1 KINGS 18:42 (NLT)

“ He walked away, about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed ‘Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.’”

LUKE 22:41-42 (NLT)

Prayer does not _____ of God.

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Prayer _____.

Prayer _____ with God.

“ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.”

JAMES 4:10 (NLT)

Impossible Prayers Are _____.

“ Then he said to his servant, ‘Go and look out toward the sea.’
The servant went and looked, then returned to Elijah and said, ‘I didn't see anything.’”

1 KINGS 18:43A (NLT)

“ ...Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it.”

JAMES 4:2B (NLT)

Impossible Prayers Are _____ .

“ ...Seven times Elijah told him to go and look.”

1 KINGS 18:43B (NLT)

“ The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.”

JAMES 5:16B (NLT)

What have you _____ , that you need to _____ again.

Impossible Prayers Are _____ .

“ Finally the seventh time, his servant told him, ‘I saw a little cloud about the size of a man’s hand rising from the sea.’ Then Elijah shouted, ‘Hurry to Ahab and tell him, ‘Climb into your chariot and go back home. If you don’t hurry, the rain will stop you!’”

1 KINGS 18:44 (NLT)

“ Then Jesus told them, ‘I tell you the truth, if you have faith and don’t doubt, you can do things like this and much more. You can even say to this mountain, ‘May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and it will happen. You can pray for anything, and if you have faith, you will receive it.’”

MATTHEW 21:21-22 (NLT)

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“ And soon the sky was black with clouds. A heavy wind brought a terrific rainstorm, and Ahab left quickly for Jezreel. Then the Lord gave special strength to Elijah. He tucked his cloak into his belt and ran ahead of Ahab’s chariot all the way to the entrance of Jezreel.”

1 KINGS 18:45-46 (NLT)

“ Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven.

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops.”

JAMES 5:13-18 (NLT)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1- How would you currently describe your prayer life?
- 2- Has there been a season when your prayers were bold and full of faith? What happened?
- 3- How can you start with a posture of humility when you pray?

- 4- Do you tend to pray specifically or more generally? What specific prayers have you brought before God? How did He answer? How did you respond to His answers?
- 5- Read James 5:13-18. Which of these elements of prayer do you need right now in your life?
- 6- What prayer have you quit praying that you need to start praying again?

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