

Series

**ELIJAH:
AN ORDINARY MAN LEARNS HIS
EXTRAORDINARY GOD**

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2. God had a servant, Obadiah, in Ahab's household

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- 3) And Ahab had called Obadiah, who was in charge of his house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly).
- 4) (For so it was, while Jezebel massacred the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah had taken one hundred prophets and hidden them, fifty to a cave, and had fed them with bread and water.)

3. Ahab is unrelenting in his idolatry

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- 5) And Ahab had said to Obadiah, "Go into the land to all the springs of water and to all the brooks; perhaps we may find grass to keep the horses and mules alive, so that we will not have to kill any livestock."
- 6) So they divided the land between them to explore it; Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.

4. God's two servants meet

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- 7) Now as Obadiah was on his way, suddenly Elijah met him; and he recognized him, and fell on his face, and said, "Is that you, my lord Elijah?"
- 8) And he answered him, "It is I. Go, tell your master, 'Elijah is here.' "
- 9) So he said, "How have I sinned, that you are delivering your servant into the hand of Ahab, to kill me? 10 As the LORD your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my master has not sent someone to hunt for you; and when they said, 'He is not here,' he took an oath from the kingdom or nation that they could not find you.

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- 11) And now you say, 'Go, tell your master, "Elijah is here" '! 12 And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from you, that the Spirit of the LORD will carry you to a place I do not know; so when I go and tell Ahab, and he cannot find you, he will kill me. But I your servant have feared the LORD from my youth.
- 13) Was it not reported to my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of the LORD, how I hid one hundred men of the LORD's prophets, fifty to a cave, and fed them with bread and water? 14 And now you say, 'Go, tell your master, "Elijah is here." ' He will kill me!"
- 15) Then Elijah said, "As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely present myself to him today."


5. Elijah meets, corrects, and instructs Ahab

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- 16) So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah.
- 17) Then it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, "Is that you, O troubler of Israel?"
- 18) And he answered, "I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house have, in that you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD and have followed the Baals.
- 19) Now therefore, send and gather all Israel to me on Mount Carmel, the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."

Lessons from the text

1. God is always in charge even when He does not appear to be.
2. God is accomplishing many objectives with the same set of circumstances.
3. At some point, God will step forward as the only true and Living God!



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