

UNIT 13 | SESSION 1

THE PICTURES OF GOD'S AUTHORITY 1 Kings 17:1-4,10-24

MAIN POINT:
God's grace

God's grace often comes in unexpected ways.

HIS STORY	
• What are some ways we try to find fulfillment apart from God?	
 How have you seen God provide for your daily necessities, especially in a difficult season of life? 	
 Share of a time when God used an unexpected person to provide for your needs? Was it convenient for them to help you during this time? 	
 Have you ever seen God's provision come in unexpected, even miraculous ways? Explain. 	
• When you face a trial, what is your first instinct?	
Express Frustration Panic/Worry Make a Plan Pray	
Essential Doctrine	
Miracles A miracle is an event in which God makes an exception to the natural order of things, or supersedes natural laws, for the purpose of demonstrating His glory and/or validating His message. Miracles are recorded throughout Scripture; miraculous signs and wonders were oftentimes evident when a prophet or an apostle was speaking God's message to the people. Because we believe God to be all-powerful and personally involved in this world, we believe He can and does perform miracles.	



The miracles Elijah performed revealed that he was a prophet of the one true God and that the Lord's words were true. In a greater way, the miracles Jesus performed revealed that He is the Son of God, the true Word of God (John 20:30-31).

HEAD



- What are some of the things that attract a person's loyalty in our current culture, thus compromising their loyalty to God?
- How can we show others that loyalty and faithfulness to God are better than these worldly loyalties?



- Can you name any "false gods" in our day that consume our time and effort (in reference to both Christians and non-Christians)?
- Why do these things take away so much of our time and effort?



- How can Elijah's faith and prayer life instruct and inspire us today?
- What are some ways you can strengthen your prayer life this week?