



## THE TROUBLER OF ISRAEL

1 KINGS 18:1-18

### #1: THE BUMPS ARE WHAT YOU \_\_\_\_\_ ON (WARREN WIERSBE).

**Charles Spurgeon** *"I've learned to kiss the wave that throws me against the Rock of Ages."*

**1 Peter 5:10** *And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.*

**Romans 5:3-5** *More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame...*

**James 1:2-4** *Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

### #2: GOD'S PRIORITIES ARE \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Kings 18:5** And Ahab said to Obadiah, "Go through the land to all the springs of water and to all the valleys. Perhaps we may find grass and save the horses and mules alive, and not lose some of the animals."

### #3: BE A \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS!

**1 Kings 18:17-18** When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, "Is it you, you troubler of Israel?" [18] And he answered, "I have not troubled Israel, but you have, and your father's house, because you have abandoned the commandments of the LORD and followed the Baals.

### DIGGING DEEPER

- 1) Although this might be a little painful, share one story from the journey of your life that you would never choose to go through again.
- 2) Looking back on it now, what is the growing that God wanted you to do from that circumstance?
- 3) What does it mean "the bumps are what you climb on?"
- 4) As a group, brainstorm a list of things that you are think are "God's priorities."
- 5) Do you think that God's priorities are "slippery?" How have you seen this in your life?
- 6) What are some ways we can be "subversive" to the Kingdom of Darkness?