

Going Further
For the week of June 4, 2023
Questions and Scriptures for further study

1. Read Romans 11:1-24. In vs. 2-4 Paul refers to a story from Elijah's life. Read 1 Kings 19. Paul has been answering the question of whether God has rejected His chosen people, the Jews. How could this story from Elijah's life be a comfort to Jewish believers in Jesus? What can you take from this story for your life today?

2. In vs. 11-24 Paul uses the image of an olive tree. What is he trying to help the Gentile Christians understand? How will this be helpful to improve the relationships between Jewish and Gentile Christians? In what ways can you draw strength and nourishment from the ancient Hebrew roots of our faith?

3. Read Romans 11:25-36. In vs. 25-32, what reasons for hope do you find here? In what ways is God's mercy shown to all? How do you see God's mercy at work in your life? In our church? In the world?

4. In vs. 33-36, what aspects of God's character does Paul highlight in his song of praise? Spend time meditating on these verses and use each phrase as a starting point for your own prayer or song of praise to God.

Family Devo: Read Romans 11:33-36 with your family. In these verses Paul highlights some of God's qualities and character as he praises God. Spend some time together talking about some of God's character traits and His qualities. Take time then to pray and praise God together.