

Elijah Part 2 - Trusting God When Life Falls Apart

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Big Idea God often grows our faith the most when He doesn't explain Himself.

1 Kings 17:17 ¹⁷Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing.

Obedience often leads us deeper into dependence—not exemption from suffering.

Key Thought #1 - Faith is not believing you'll never experience pain; faith is believing God has not abandoned you when you do.

1 Kings 17:18-21 ¹⁸She said to Elijah, "What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?"...²⁰Then he cried out to the LORD, "LORD my God, have you brought tragedy even on this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?"...

- The widow asks difficult questions...Elijah asks difficult questions.
- Elijah isn't accusing God. **He's wrestling with God.**

Key Thought #2 Faith isn't the absence of questions. Faith is bringing your questions to the only One who has the answers.

1 Kings 17:22-24 ²²The LORD heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived....

- This is the first recorded resurrection in Scripture.

Key Thought #3 When God seems silent, He is never powerless.

1 Kings 18:1 After a long time, in the third year, the word of the LORD came to Elijah: "Go and present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the land."

- This wasn't random. **God's timing is intentional.** Sometimes the holiest thing you can do is wait until God says, "Go."

Key Thought #4 God's timing is just as important as God's direction.

- If Elijah had rushed back before God spoke, he wouldn't have been walking by faith. **He would have been walking by impulse.**

1 Kings 18:2 ...Now the famine was severe in Samaria,

- The drought has exposed the complete inability of Baal to save anyone.
*Ironically...*The people are still following Baal.

Key Thought #5 The idols that promise life eventually leave us empty.

1 Kings 18:3-4 and Ahab had summoned Obadiah, his palace administrator.
(Obadiah was a devout believer in the LORD...)

- Every loaf of bread he carried into those caves could have cost him his life.

Not everybody is called to be Elijah. Some people are called to be an Obadiah.

Key Thought #6 Faithfulness is measured by obedience, not visibility.

1 Kings 18:5-14 Paraphrase: "If I tell Ahab you're here...and then the Spirit carries you away somewhere else...Ahab is going to kill me."

God doesn't ask everyone to confront kings...***He does ask everyone to obey.***

God isn't asking you to be Elijah...He's asking you to be faithful where He's placed you.

Key Thought #7 God has not called you to imitate someone else's assignment—He has called you to be faithful in your own.

1 Kings 18:15 Elijah said, "As the LORD Almighty lives, whom I serve, I will surely present myself to Ahab today."

Notice that phrase again..."Whom I serve." That's Elijah's identity.

Sometimes God can trust us with obscurity...before He can trust us with influence.

- Why would God hide someone He intends to use?
- Because influence doesn't create character...It reveals it.

The greatest weapon Elijah carries onto Carmel isn't boldness...It's a history with God.

He may not answer every question, but He will always give you Himself...And that is enough!

LIFE POINT - Your faith becomes strongest not when God answers every question, but when you continue trusting Him without every answer.