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"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James 1:22 NIV

Pastor Frank taught a message entitled, "Desperate Times - Divine Measures" from 1 Kings 17:1-16. In this insightful and inspiring message, we looked at the story of Elijah and how God provided for him through some unusual means. We learned lessons about God, man, and life!

## WHAT WE LEARN ABOUT GOD

1. He's capable and committed to care for His own

What is it about the nature of God that causes Him to be so committed to care for His children?
2. He has extraordinary means to meet our impossible needs

Has God ever provided for you in an "unusual" or "unordinary" way? If so, explain.
3. He's promised us provision, not prosperity

What is the difference between provision and prosperity? How do you get them confused?

## WHAT WE LEARN ABOUT MAN

1."Then" and "there" is when and when and where God will speak to us and provide for us Often God speaks after our step of faith. Is there a step of faith you need to take? If so, what? 2. Our limited resources do not exempt us from playing a part in God's work on earth Can you think of any other examples where God greatly used someone's limited resources?
3. Faith and humility are required for God's provision to come

What can you do to grow in these ever-important, challenging areas of faith and humility?

## WHAT WE LEARN ABOUT LIFE

## 1. Lean margins are great for faith

If you've been experiencing leaner-than-usual margins, how have you seen your faith change?
2. Lean margins reveal what and who we really trust in

What have your lean margins revealed about where your trust is? Has it been surprising?
3. Lean margins can help us get past pride

How can you cooperate with God in the "pride work" that He wants to do in your heart?

