



ELIJAH

JUST LIKE US

STANDING UP FOR GOD

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Elijah is surely one of the greatest Old Testament prophets, yet he was a man just like us. His name means *My God is Jehovah* or *The Lord is my God*. He was a man of prayer who also faced fear, discouragement and depression. He is best known for his dramatic confrontation and defeat of the Prophets of Baal at Mount Carmel. Elijah was a person, just like us, yet God used him in an extraordinary way.

In this first week of our series, Pastor Tyler will walk us through 1 Kings 17:1-9 where we see Elijah walk in obedience to God and take a powerful stand against the wicked King Ahab and Jezebel in Israel.

God is still looking for people to take a stand.

Ahab was an evil king in the Northern kingdom of Israel. Yet, instead of listening to the wisdom of the prophet Elijah, he chose to be disobedient to God and persist in idol worship. **READ 1 Kings 16:29-32**

1. Why did God call on the prophet Elijah to take a stand against King Ahab?
2. Those who worshipped Baal believed he was the god who brought the rains and bountiful harvests. **READ 1 Kings 17:1** - What did Elijah tell King Ahab? Why do you think this was devastating to Ahab?
3. **READ 1 Kings 17:1-6** - In verse 2, God tells Elijah to Leave, Turn, and Hide. Why do you think God sent Elijah away? How do you think Elijah felt?
4. How did God miraculously provide for Elijah?
5. **READ 1 Kings 17:7-9** - How do you think Elijah was feeling when the brook dried up?

6. When God told him to go to a new place and a widow would supply his food, do you think he was worried or confused? Why?

Three things you must REMEMBER if you want to STAND UP FOR GOD

- God wants to work IN YOU, so that He can work THROUGH YOU.
- When God directs, God always provides.
- When the brook dries up, God is still working.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. In 1 Kings 17:2-3, God led Elijah to a period of hiding in the Kerith Ravine. Kerith means “cut off or cut down.” Describe a painful experience that God used to shape you into who you are today.
2. God taught Elijah to depend on Him daily for food and water. What are you trusting God for right now?
3. After the brook dried up, Elijah trusted God’s word to move on to Zarephath. Is there a “dry brook” in your life God is using to lead you to take a step of faith? Explain.

COMMIT TO MEMORY—*“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”* Romans 8:28