



ELIJAH

JUST LIKE US

ELIJAH AND THE PROPHETS OF BAAL

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The Lord sent Elijah to confront King Ahab, “*You have abandoned the Lord’s commands and have followed the Baals.*” The false prophets of Baal were an obstacle to bringing God’s word to the people. They gave messages that appealed to the people’s sinful nature. This led to a showdown at Mt. Carmel between the false prophets of Baal and the one true God.

1. **READ 1 Kings 18:17-22.** What was Elijah challenging the people to do?
2. False prophets told people what they wanted to hear. True prophets, like Elijah, spoke only what God told them to say--no matter how unpopular. Why do you think so many of the people wavered between the two choices?

Will you take hold of the opportunity to be like Elijah?

4. **READ 1 Kings 18:23-26.** What instructions did Elijah give the prophets of Baal? What was Elijah trying to do? Looking back at the miracles that Elijah witnessed while he lived in the Kerith Ravine and with the widow in Zarephath, what lessons do you think he learned in the Ravine and in Zarephath that caused him to be so bold now?
5. **READ 1 Kings 18:27-29.** What happened after the prophets of Baal shouted and cut themselves all afternoon? What kinds of idols do we follow today that are false and cause us to depend on something other than God?
6. **READ 1 Kings 18:30-39.** Elijah is very intentional about every detail. What instructions do you see in these passages that show you that God is giving direction to Elijah? How is Elijah being careful to give all the glory to God and not to himself? Why?

Ways you can be like Elijah.

- Get off the fence.
 - **READ Hebrews 10:23.** Why is it important to hold on to hope unswervingly? **READ Revelation 3:15-16.** What is the difference between a half-hearted Christian and a faith-driven follower of Christ?
 - How would your life look different if you got off the fence?
- Pray for revival.
 - **READ Psalm 85:6.** Where do you need revival in your spiritual life?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What areas of your life do you find yourself “on the fence” when it comes to trusting God? (ie. family, health, finances)
2. What steps can you take to revive your spiritual walk?
3. What can you do TODAY to take a hold of the opportunity to be like Elijah?

COMMIT TO MEMORY—*“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.”* Hebrews 10:23