

LIFE CHANGING

# PRAYERS

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## INTRODUCTION

We've experienced – and likely can vividly recall – high-impact moments in our lives. We can all appreciate high-impact people that blessed us, encouraged us, and made our lives richer. Further, all of us have a healthy desire to live high-impact lives. The question is, HOW? Looking at the story of Elijah's high-impact moment on Mt. Carmel – the showdown with the false prophets of Baal – we can learn three keys to living a high-impact life. At the center of this amazing and true story...is a life changing, high-impact prayer.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Read 1 Kings 18:16-39.**
2. We have all experienced "high-impact" moments in our lives. Share the story of one of your favorite "high-impact" moments.
3. This week, we learned that one of the keys to a high-impact life is asking BIG QUESTIONS. What is one BIG QUESTION that you have been asked, or that you are asking lately? What are some benefits to asking BIG QUESTIONS?
  - a. What is the BIG QUESTION that Elijah asks the people? (**v21**)
  - b. **Read Revelation 3:15-16.** Share ONE AREA of your life where you are "on the fence" – wavering, or lukewarm, so to speak -- between following/trusting God...and following/trusting something else.
4. Another key (often THE key) to a high-impact life is praying BIG PRAYERS. What is a BIG PRAYER that you have been praying recently? What are you learning (perhaps reluctantly) while you wait for God's answer?
  - a. Share a BIG PRAYER that God has answered for you in the past.
5. **Read 1 Kings 18:36-37; Hebrews 4:16 and Philippians 1:4-6.**
  - a. Why can/should we be CONFIDENT praying BIG PRAYERS? Is there a difference between praying with confidence vs arrogance or presumption? Explain.
  - b. What examples does Elijah use in the confident in the first part of his prayer (**v36**)? (\*For greater understanding and context, **read Genesis 12:1-3; 21:1-7; and 32:22-30.**)
  - c. Where does our confidence come from?
6. **Read Matthew 6:9-10, and Romans 1:1.**
  - a. Why should we CONFORM our prayers (and our will) to God's will when we pray BIG PRAYERS?
7. **Read Jeremiah 29:10-14, and Ezekiel 36:26.**
  - a. Do you see all the "relational" language? What can we learn from this about God's heart for us?
  - b. Share some examples of things God has done to open the door for enjoying a relationship with us? How does it make you feel to know that God calls you his son or his

daughter? Why is so important to remind ourselves of this, over and over?

c. How does prayer CONNECT us with the heart of God? Why do you think this is such an important part of life changing/high-impact prayers?

**8. Read 1 Kings 18:38-39.**

- a. Given the kind of HIGH-IMPACT that God can and does make in our lives, what are some decisions that He could reasonably expect from us in response?
- b. What is ONE AREA of your life where God is clearly calling you to make a BIG DECISION... to "Get off the fence...and follow him." What are you willing to do to make that decision and follow through? What can you expect God to do?
- c. Why do you think this decision will help you live a HIGH-IMPACT life?

**FOR MEMORY**

This week's breath prayer: "Lord help me get off the fence (IN)...and follow you (OUT)."

**PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER**

Pray for the person on your right (\*Note: try to incorporate the characteristics of Elijah's life changing/high-impact prayer), and commit to praying for one another throughout the week.