

Encounters with Elijah

1 Kings 17:8-16

3 Commands

Arise - Heart of Faith/Trust

What motivates or What inspires us to move?

How does God motivate us to act?

Go - Availability - Putting actions to Words - Comfort Zone

What's one of the harder aspects of actually going and doing what God asks us to do?

What's easy? What have you learned from going or not going?

Stay - "live or dwell" - Commitment, willingness to wait, plant yourself.

Do you think our culture is a stay and wait patiently kind of culture? Why or why not?

Are you someone who is a patient person? What do you find difficult when waiting on God?

"There is nothing God can't use to provide for us."

Lessons of God's provision from Elijah:

1. It reveals itself from unlikely places.
2. It tests our faith and obedience.
3. It stretches us in order to depend on Him.

How we can wait:

1. Look beyond the circumstances to the Lord and what he can do.
2. Turn your longings over to him - the Lord is aware of everything that you face.
3. Rest knowing your basic needs have been met in Christ.
4. Ask God for the vision needed to see the opportunities for ministry while we wait and experience God's provision.

"Look, his ego is inflated; he is without integrity. But the righteous one will live by his faith." **Habakkuk 2:4**

So this is what the Sovereign Lord says:

"See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who relies on it will never be stricken with panic." **Isaiah 28:16** (Jesus is our cornerstone - Acts 4:11; Ephesians 2:20)

"A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance." **John 10:10**

"And my God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." **Philippians 4:19**

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your cares on him, because he cares about you."
1 Peter 5:6-7

"Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never allow the righteous to be shaken." **Psalms 55:22**

"Now we have this treasure in clay jars, so that this extraordinary power may be from God and not from us. 8 We are afflicted in every way but not crushed; we are perplexed but not in despair; 9 we are persecuted but not abandoned; we are struck down but not destroyed. 10 We always carry the death of Jesus in our body, so that the life of Jesus may also be displayed in our body. 11 For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus's sake, so that Jesus's life may also be displayed in our mortal flesh. 12 So then, death is at work in us, but life in you."

2 Corinthians 4:7-12