

ELIJAH



Trusting God with All

THE LIFE OF A
Prophet



1 Kings 17 ESV

8 Then the word of the Lord came to him, 9 “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” 11 And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.”

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12 And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” 13 And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. 14

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14 For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’” 15 And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. 16 The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah

The Point

Trust God and obey when He says “Go,” even when it’s hard - He will lead you, refine you, and provide for you.



God Has A
REASON
—for—
EVERYTHING

God Has a Reason for Everything

- Elijah went to Zarephath not for his comfort, but because a widow & her son needed a miracle.
- God's commands are often tied to someone else's blessing.
- God always has a purpose when He calls us to move.
- His command to go is a sign of trust & an invitation to obedience.

God Has a Reason for Everything

- Going often feels risky, but it leads to spiritual reward.
- God uses our obedience to bless others.
- The widow's life - and Elijah's - were changed because they responded in faith.

GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOU



God Has a Plan for You

- God sent Elijah to enemy territory - Jezebel's homeland.
- Following God's will often leads us into difficult places.
- Discomfort can be God's tool for growth.
- God calls us out of our comfort zones to grow our dependence on Him.
- The town of Zarephath literally means "refinery" - God was purifying Elijah through his obedience.
- Refinement often happens in unfamiliar territory.



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GOD TO PROVIDE

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Trust God to Provide

- God sent Elijah to a widow with almost nothing.
- Trusting God means believing He can use even a little.
- The widow trusted, gave & was abundantly provided for.
- God provides when we prioritize Him first.
- Even in lack, God is enough.
- The jar of flour & jug of oil did not run out.
- That's the daily provision of God - just enough for each day.

Practical Application

- Trust God even when the way forward is unclear.
- Believe God can use the “little” you have.
- Ask God where He is sending you - even if it's simply to speak to someone in need.
- Stay faithful in places where God has already placed you.
- Let discomfort deepen your dependence on Him.
- Embrace seasons of spiritual refining as God’s love at work.
- Feed on God’s faithfulness, especially in hard seasons.

Discussion Questions

- What challenges do you face in trusting God with the unknown?
- How have you experienced God's provision in your life when you obeyed Him?
- What are some ways we can trust God right where we are, even at Windsor?
- In what areas might God be refining you today?
- Who in your life may need encouragement to trust God right now - and how can you help?

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