

ELIJAH

The image is a movie poster for 'Elijah'. It features a large, bright orange sun in the center, with a white silhouette of a man standing with his arms raised in front of it. The background is a desert landscape with rolling hills under a clear blue sky. The title 'ELIJAH' is written in large, white, stylized letters across the sun. Below the title, the text 'What Kind of Man Are You?' is written in a white, cursive font. At the bottom, the text 'THE LIFE OF A Prophet' is written in a smaller, white, serif font. There are also some small, white, stylized icons at the very bottom.

What Kind of Man Are You?

THE LIFE OF A
Prophet



1 Kings 18:1-19 ESV

- After three years of drought, God sends Elijah to confront King Ahab with the promise of rain.
- Elijah meets Obadiah, who has been hiding God's prophets & tells him to announce his arrival to Ahab.
- Ahab accuses Elijah of troubling Israel, but Elijah blames Ahab for abandoning God & following Baal.
- Elijah calls for all Israel & Baal's prophets to gather at Mount Carmel for a showdown.

The Point

God calls His people to be strong and faithful—“saved, not soft”—obeying His Word courageously rather than living ruled by fear.

COURAGEOUS
OBEDIENCE

JOSHUA CHAPTER 3

Courageous Obedience

- God's timing is perfect - He is never late & never in a hurry.

9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

(2 Peter 3:9 ESV)

- Elijah received the Word of the Lord & acted, knowing it meant facing the wicked King Ahab.

Courageous Obedience

- Obedience to God is more important than personal safety or comfort.

5 His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” (John 2:5 ESV)

- When God calls, He often leads us into situations that require courage & faith.
- Our obedience should not depend on how safe or easy something feels - it should depend on whether God has told us to do it.



FAITH

vs

FEAR

Faith vs. Fear

- Elijah trusted God's power & promises, even when he could not see the outcome.
- Obadiah feared what might happen to him more than he trusted what God could do.
- Fear focuses on self-preservation; faith focuses on God's glory.

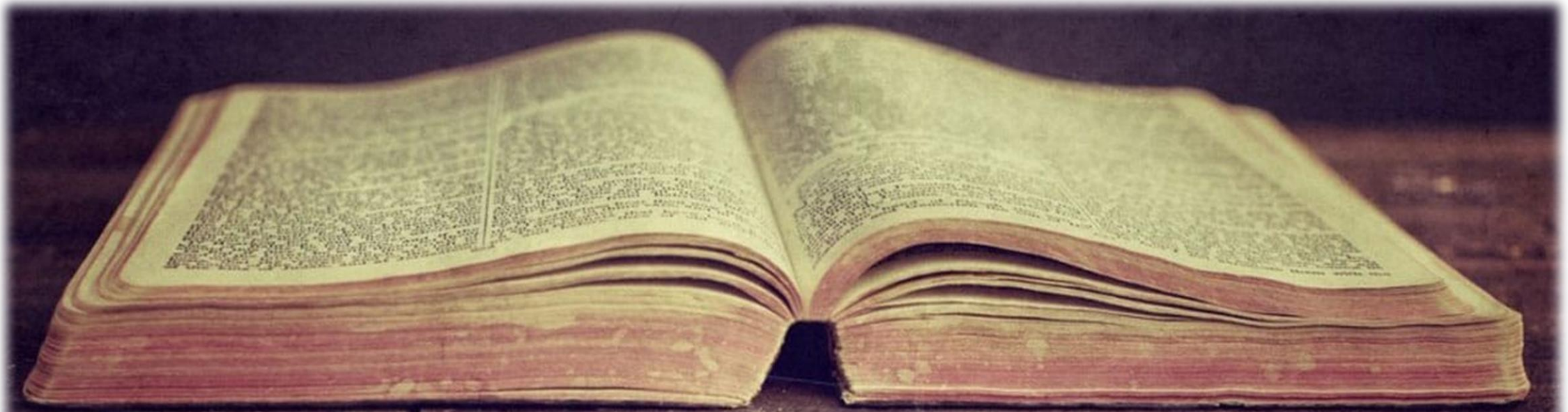
7 for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. (2 Timothy 1:7 ESV)

Faith vs. Fear

- Good intentions without courageous action accomplish little for God's kingdom.

17 So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. (James 2:17 ESV)

- The opposite of faith is not doubt - it is fear, because fear stops us from doing what God commands.



GOD'S TRUTH

God's Truth

- Ahab accused Elijah of being the “troubler of Israel” for speaking God’s truth.
- God’s Word often troubles those who are walking in disobedience.

12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

(Hebrews 4:12 ESV)

God's Truth

- Elijah boldly declared that Ahab's real problem was abandoning God's commandments.
- Standing for God's truth will put us at odds with the culture - but God calls us to speak truth in love.
- Idols of every age must be confronted with the truth of God's Word, whether they are ancient gods like Baal or modern idols of power, pleasure, or self.

Practical Application

- Seek God's Word daily through Scripture, prayer & godly counsel.
- Obey God's commands even when it is uncomfortable or unpopular.
- Trust God's timing, knowing He is always at work.
- Replace fear with faith by focusing on God's promises.
- Avoid spiritual compromise - stand firm in truth.

Practical Application

- Recognize that courage comes from the Holy Spirit, not from ourselves.
- Identify & remove idols that take God's rightful place in your life.
- Encourage & support others who are taking a stand for Jesus.
- Remember that Jesus is our ultimate example of courage & obedience.

Discussion Questions

- What does Elijah's obedience teach us about trusting God's direction?
- What are some modern "idols" that compete with God in our lives?
- How does fear keep people from fully following Jesus?
- Why do you think speaking God's truth often causes opposition?

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