



Week 1: Seasons that Make Us

Scripture: 1 Kings 17

Elijah - - *el Yah* - Yahweh is God

Three Seasons of Preparation:

1. A season of _____. (vv2-3)
2. A season of _____. (vv4-6)
 - God gave him _____ for _____.
3. A season of _____. (vv7-9)
 - God may cause the brook to dry up to give us the _____ to _____ where we are and to _____ where we are _____ to be.
 - God also often _____ by what He does _____.

Here are some suggestions you may want to use for your time with God this week:

Day 1: Read 1 Kings 17:1. Pray and ask God to continue preparing you for the great purposes He has in store for your life.

Day 2: Read 1 Kings 17:2-3. If you are going through any difficult circumstances right now, ask God to show you His purpose through these situations.

Day 3: Read 1 Kings 17:4-6. Pray and ask God to meet any needs you currently have. Pray for the needs of others that you know.

Day 4: Read 1 Kings 17:7-9. Have an honest talk with God by discussing a leap of faith that He is calling you to make. Commit to making that leap of faith.

Day 5: Read 1 Kings 17:10-24. Pray and ask God to help develop you into the man or woman that He has called you to be. Ask for His daily guidance in your life as He continues to work through you and transform you.

Start talking.

- What was one of the worst pieces of news you've ever had to convey to another person? The best news?

Start thinking.

- What was the prophecy that Elijah took to Ahab, king of Israel? (v1)
- After speaking with Ahab, why did God direct Elijah to hide? (vv2-3)
- How were Elijah's needs met while he was alone in the desert? (vv5-6)
- What two requests did Elijah make of the widow at Zarephath? (vv10-11)
- What step did Elijah ask the widow to take in faith? (v13)
- What promise did Elijah make if the widow would be obedient to God? (v14)
- What did the Lord do for Elijah, the widow, and her son? (vv15-16)
- When Elijah took the son from his mother, what question did he have for God? (vv19-20)

Start sharing.

- What was unusual about the ways God chose to provide for Elijah during the drought?
- What kind of faith is required for living with just enough for each day and no more?
- What is the importance of action to back up our words as believers?
- In what way do you find it easy or difficult to obey God when you don't know what the outcome will be?
- In what peculiar but sufficient ways is God meeting your needs today?

Start praying. *Be bold and pray with power.*

I realize that just like Elijah, pain in my life, can lead me to a total dependence, and a more intimate relationship with You. God, I ask you to help me to see You in the midst of the Kerith Ravines in my life and depend totally on You during the good times and the bad.

Start doing. *Commit to a step and live it out this week.*

- What step of faith do you need to take at this time in your life?