

Reboot
Learning to trust God, when life does not make sense.
1 Kings 17:1-6

1. Elijah – In the Big Game – vs. 1

Elijah was a _____.

God provided Israel with prophets who were people who not only forthtold (declared God's truth) but did in mainly by foretelling what God was going to do. They were raised to correct moral and religious abuses and proclaim God's truth. The root word for prophet meant to "bubble forth" as one who pours forth the truth of God.

Baal worshipers believed that their god made rain, which is a quite important detail in an agricultural community

Elijah determines to attack Baalism at its theological center.

2. Elijah – Sits on the Bench – vs. 2-6

3. Learning to trust God, when life does not make sense.

1. God's timing is usually not our timing.

Waiting = _____

"Cherith" is the Hebrew word that means "a cutting," a place cut by some type of catastrophe like an earthquake, or more likely, by years of water flowing down from the hills to the Jordan.

In its verb form it is used in relation to God's presence as the omniscient One who becomes a shelter for the believer.

The greatest faith is often shown not when we act but when we _____.
We must be as willing to be set aside as we are to be used.

Timing = _____.

We will when we are ready.

Trust means confidence. The opposite of trust is suspicion.

Waiting on God is counterintuitive to the old man.

It places us in a vulnerable position.

Why do we struggle with waiting?

The flesh fights back hard with resistance.

Pride is addictive. It craves what it wants and convinces us that we will not be sustainable with "it".

Humility is the only corridor to trust.

2. God's direction includes God's _____.
Our Will vs. God's direction

"After a while" is literally "at the end of days."

God has our lives down to the nano second. _____ escapes His loving plan.

Life is full of sudden changes, some of them very painful.

We should not expect from this life what it cannot give.

Don't waste your sorrows!

Satan has encouraged the development of a belief that we can meet our needs if only we had _____.

An unbelieving world system, influenced by Satan is trying to squeeze us into its mold that something other than God offers true personal joy and fulfillment.

Why do you struggle with your will?

Fear is failure to have control.

If you really think about it, this is the real basis for most fears. As humans, we do not like to lose control. We do not enjoy the unknown. We must control; sometimes at all costs!! The thought of losing control can bring fear.

God loves us enough to bring us to the place of letting go.

3. A dried-up brook is not a sign of chastisement but of God's _____ and love.
Worth and value are measured differently with God.

Elijah chose to trust.

And God provided.

Why do we struggle with worth and value?

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- Rejection
 - Experiencing a sharp pain in the soul

Bitterness cannot be contained to just one person. It affects _____ relationship.

Sometimes God allows the brook to dry up to bring to the surface the stuff that we try to hide.

We will never see our worth in Christ until we choose to forgive.

Application:

Our God is relentless. He is always seeking ways for our growth.

1. God's timing is usually not our timing.
Why do we struggle with waiting on God? Pride
2. God's direction includes God's provision.
Why do we struggle with our will? Fear
3. A dried-up brook is not a sign of chastisement but of God's grace and love.
Why do we struggle with our worth? Bitterness

Deut. 32:3,4

Rock - Tsur is massive, very safe, and virtually impenetrable like a mountain stronghold. It speaks of God's strength, endurance, and reliability.

The root word means to make secure.

It was applied to military action when the enemy relentlessly attacks your stronghold, your refuge. Every effort is made to shut off supplies and to keep you from escaping. Tactics include building a mound and battering rams to breach the wall. Inside, the inhabitants are threatened by low supplies, fear, and sickness. Without great discipline, the tension of the siege would make inhabitants willing to surrender instead of trusting that the refuge would hold.

God as our refuge will keep us from being destroyed.

"If you don't surrender to Christ, you surrender to chaos." -E. Stanley Jones

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