

ELIJAH

Group Guide

ordinary people; extraordinary power

1 Kings 18:1-15

After a long time, in the third year, the word of the LORD came to Elijah: "Go and present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the land." ²So Elijah went to present himself to Ahab.

Now the famine was severe in Samaria, ³and Ahab had summoned Obadiah, his palace administrator. (Obadiah was a devout believer in the LORD. ⁴While Jezebel was killing off the LORD's prophets, Obadiah had taken a hundred prophets and hidden them in two caves, fifty in each, and had supplied them with food and water.) ⁵Ahab had said to Obadiah, "Go through the land to all the springs and valleys. Maybe we can find some grass to keep the horses and mules alive so we will not have to kill any of our animals." ⁶So they divided the land they were to cover, Ahab going in one direction and Obadiah in another. ⁷As Obadiah was walking along, Elijah met him. Obadiah recognized him, bowed down to the ground, and said, "Is it really you, my lord Elijah?"

⁸"Yes," he replied. "Go tell your master, 'Elijah is here.'" ⁹"What have I done wrong," asked Obadiah, "that you are handing your servant over to Ahab to be put to death?" ¹⁰As surely as the LORD your God lives, there is not a nation or kingdom where my master has not sent someone to look for you. And whenever a nation or kingdom claimed you were not there, he made them swear they could not find you. ¹¹But now you tell me to go to my master and say, 'Elijah is here.' ¹²I don't know where the Spirit of the LORD may carry you when I leave you. If I go and tell Ahab and he doesn't find you, he will kill me. Yet I your servant have worshiped the LORD since my youth. ¹³Haven't you heard, my lord, what I did while Jezebel was killing the prophets of the LORD? I hid a hundred of the LORD's prophets in two caves, fifty in each, and supplied them with food and water. ¹⁴And now you tell me to go to my master and say, 'Elijah is here.' He will kill me!"

¹⁵Elijah said, "As the LORD Almighty lives, whom I serve, I will surely present myself to Ahab today."

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1. In the first two weeks of our series looking at Elijah's life, what has impacted you the most? Share what that is and why it's impacted you in the way it has.
2. Read 1 Kings 18:1-16.
 - After three stories of God's extraordinary power at work in and through Elijah's life, this passage can seem ordinary. What purpose do you think this story has in what God is doing in Elijah's life?
 - What part do you think the space between the wilderness and mountain top plays in the life of faith?
3. In 18:1, God speaks to Elijah.
 - In what way(s) has God spoken to you? Bible? Prayer? Through a person? Share what this has looked like in your life.
 - In your life, what gets in the way of you hearing from God?
4. A pattern begins to develop in Elijah's life that we can learn from. What is the pattern and what can you learn from it? Consider the following verses as you discuss: 17:8, 18:1, 19:9, 19:15-19, 21:17-20.
5. A new character is introduced into the story in 18:3: Obadiah.
 - What does being a 'devout believer' in Jesus look like?
 - Do you resonate with Obadiah's response to Elijah in verses 9-14? Share why or why not.
 - Does fear or being afraid mean you don't have 'enough faith'? Or does it simply mean you're human? Discuss this together.
6. Read 1 Kings 18:15-16 and then discuss the following two statements:
 - *Courage is the ability to do something risky out of obedience to God because you believe he will take care of you.*
 - *We cultivate courage by remembering God is with us and relying on God to help us.*
7. Ask the following questions and use them as springboards into prayer:
 - God, what are you inviting me into?
 - God, what gets in the way of me saying 'yes' to what you are inviting me into?
 - God, what does courage look like in my life right now?



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RESOURCES TO HELP YOU FOLLOW JESUS

- centralheights.ca/followjesus

STORIES

- We love hearing how God moves in people's lives. If you or anyone in your group has a story and would be willing to share, we'd love to hear it and celebrate with you. You can share your story by emailing stories@centralheights.ca

MESSAGE Video and Audio can be found at:

<https://www.centralheights.ca/currentseries>