



23 | Mon – Challenging the king | Read 1 Kings 17:1-16;18:1-2,7-8, 16-19

When Ahab became king of Israel, he married Jezebel, a Baal-worshipper. Their reign brought economic prosperity but spiritual poverty to the country. Elijah boldly challenged the idolatrous king and predicted a drought to mirror the spiritual drought in the land. During that time, God took care of Elijah providing for his every need. Are you going through a personal drought right now? Choose to trust God; He has a plan!

24 | Tue – Will the real God please stand up? | Read 1 Kings 18:20-46

One of the most dramatic stories in the Old Testament recounts this battle of the gods. Elijah challenges the Baal-worshipping priests to a contest. Whose god will answer the prayers of his people? Elijah also challenges the people of Israel to choose whom they will serve. Who will you choose to serve today? How can you live out that choice in meaningful ways?

25 | Wed – Retreat | Read 1 Kings 19:1-14

Elijah won a great victory but Jezebel was still in power, trying to take his life. Tired, depressed and afraid he retreated to the wilderness to hide. God cared for his physical and mental fatigue and then revealed himself to Elijah in an unlikely way. When have you most often heard God speak to you, in dramatic ways or in the silence of your heart?

26 | Thu – A new mission | Read 1 Kings 19:15-21

Happy Thanksgiving! Elijah's depressed feelings did not give him an accurate picture. Instead of being the only prophet left, there were hundreds God had saved from Jezebel. Later God gave Elijah a new mission. One of the best ways to overcome depressed feelings is to 'count our blessing' which are usually somewhat hidden. Make a list of things you are thankful for. It will lift your spirit!

27 | Fri – Passing the torch | Read 2 Kings 2:1-15

Elijah was one of only two people who, the Bible records, went directly to heaven without experiencing death. Before God took Elijah, He gave him a successor, Elisha, whom he taught and mentored through life examples. When it was time for Elijah's ministry to be finished, Elisha was ready to take up the torch. Who are you mentoring to take over when your time comes? Who are you teaching through your words and example?

28 | Sat – Elijah, John the Baptist and Jesus | Read Malachi 4:4-6

Elijah was such a powerful example of devotion to God, before and after his wilderness experience, that Jesus spoke highly of him hundreds of years later. John the Baptist came in the same spirit as Elijah, calling people to repent and announcing the arrival of the Messiah. This week we followed Elijah from the desolate brook through the wilderness of fear and depression to his glorious entrance into heaven. Let his story give you hope as you travel through the wilderness in your life. You are not alone!

November 29 | Sun – Miracle on 34th Street: Hope | Read Hebrews 11:1; Matt. 35-36

