



**ORAL NARRATION OF BIBLE
STORIES AND BIBLE STUDY**

ELIJAH AND FAITH

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Elijah and Faith
1 Kings 17:1-8

Note: Before the Lord, Ahab, king over Israel did more evil than all the kings before him (1 Kings 16:30)

“This is a true story from God’s Word from 1 Kings 17:1-8.”

Elijah, the prophet of God, approached King Ahab and declared before him, “The Lord God of Israel lives! I am His servant. Neither dew nor rain shall fall for years to come except by my word.”

Then God spoke to Elijah, “Leave here. Go hide yourself by the brook that is called the Cherith. You shall drink from the brook, and I’ve commanded the Ravens to feed you.

Elijah obeyed God’s word. He lived by the Cherith. In the mornings and evenings ravens brought him bread and meat. Elijah drank from the brook.

After a time, the brook became dust because there was no rain in the land.

Then the Lord spoke to Elijah, “Get up and go to Zarephath...”

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Participative Bible Study:

1. *What characteristics of God have you seen in this story?
How did you discern this from the story?*
2. *What did you learn about man in this story?*
3. *What lessons have you learned from this story?*
4. *What has the Holy Spirit revealed to you that you need to repent of... and obey... after studying this story?*

When people respond to this question find someone in the group that will hold them accountable to make the spiritual change in direction needed. If you are meeting weekly, take note of these acts of repentance and obedience and find out how they are doing in these areas each week.

As a leader, if you have any thoughts from the story to add or highlight, do them now.

a. Supplementary Questions:

1. What kind of responsibility did God give to Elijah? (Possible responses: A very dangerous one. He had to face the king of Israel with a word that could have cost him his life. And God told Elijah to “HIDE” himself. God called Elijah to a dangerous ministry.)

2. Describe the place where Elijah went to hide. Was it in a five-star hotel?

(Some possible answers: Perhaps he was living in the open air. He probably couldn't light a fire because people looking for him would have seen the smoke. It was not a luxurious place. God called Elijah to live in a harsh, difficult environment).

3. What kind of birds are ravens? (Some possible answers: Ravens are scavengers. They eat animals that are already dead. God called Elijah to eat what these scavenging birds brought him).

4. Who and what were affected by the drought that came? (Some possible answers: people, animals, crops for years, land, trees, water sources)

5. And the brook dried up completely. When did Elijah leave the dusty brook? (Some possible answers: We don't know how long Elijah sat by the dry brook. He stayed until God told him to leave).

6. Could God call you from a dangerous ministry?

7. If God does, will you answer to Him?

8. Are you willing to be called to endure a difficult environment and eat things that are not particularly pleasing to Jesus?

9. Are you willing to stay and serve the Lord in a difficult place, in difficult situations until He calls you to leave there?

10. Are you willing to suffer great hardships for Jesus without complaining?

11. What did Elijah have to do before he received the miracles of being fed by birds?
(Answer: He was obedient to God).

12. After this discussion, what more lessons did you learn? (Some possible answers: God called Elijah to obedience no matter what the circumstances. Everything was a test of his faith. He persevered through difficult conditions in obedience to God).

Truths to be Emphasized:

It is very true that God hid Elijah and then fed Elijah through miracles of obedience!

God could call you to some dangerous, deadly things.

Every difficult event, whether it's a little difficult (you're in a traffic jam) to the very, very difficult are tests of your faith.

You are called to remain faithful to God and to minister even though the situation you are in is difficult, uncomfortable, painful.

You are to be obedient to God in all things...and miracles come.

You will have to believe that God is love, perfect, joy, compassion, faithful to his promises when situations would cry out to us, "No! God is not as he says he is."

Jesus is waiting for your obedience and your willingness to suffer for Him.

James 1:12 "Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him"

Who loves Jesus? Those who persevere. Perseverance is proven love.

Don't fear. Jesus is with you. And you'll be amazed at the strength Jesus pours out on you after you've fought through to be faithful. Be relentless!

5. Who will you tell this story to this week? Each must say the name of a person. They're not simply making a promise to you, but they are making a promise before God to share this story with others.

Elijah and the Widow
1 Kings 17:10-16

“This is a true story from God’s Word from 1 Kings 17:10-16.”

The Lord spoke to Elijah, "Get up and go to Zarephath. There I have commanded a widow to feed you." Elijah left for Zarephath. At the entrance to the city he saw a widow gathering sticks. He called to her and said, "Please, bring me some water to drink in a jar." When she started to go, Elijah added, "Please, bring me a piece of bread, too."

The woman answered, "As the Lord your God lives. I have no bread. I have only a handful of flour in a pot and a little oil in a jar. I am gathering a few sticks that I may go home and prepare what is left for my son and me. We will eat and then we will die."

Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go home. Do as you have said. Only prepare a small bread cake for me first and bring it to me. Then you will make some for yourself and for your son. For the Lord, the God of Israel, says, 'The flour in the pot shall not run out and the oil in the jar shall not become empty until the day the Lord sends rain on the face of the ground.'"

The woman left and did exactly as Elijah said. And they ate, she and her household for many days. The flour in the pot did not run out and the oil in the jar did not become empty according to the word that the Lord spoke through Elijah.

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a. Additional questions:

1. **Describe Elijah's faith.**
 2. **What impressed you about the woman?**
 3. **How many people ended up being fed with flour and oil? Just the widow and her son?**
 4. **Do you have this kind of faith in God?**
 5. **Can Jesus do the same for you if you have faith?**
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