



The Path to Godly Character

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Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

- Think of someone you consider to be a true Christ follower. What unique attributes of their character would you like to see in your own life? Why?

With your Bible or YouVersion read 1 Kings 17:1-9

In 1 Kings we are introduced to Elijah. After announcing some bad news to King Ahab, God sends Elijah on a character shaping journey.

- God had more to do in Elijah before He could do more through Elijah. God is preparing each of us so that He can work through us. How have you seen God prepare you for His specific purposes throughout your life?
- God led Elijah to a period of hiding. Describe a painful experience that God used to shape you into who you are today.
- God taught Elijah to depend on Him daily for good and water. What are you daily trusting God for right now?
- Describe a time in your life when things felt very desperate but you saw God meet your needs. What did you learn from the experience?
- Describe a time when you decided to step out on faith and obey God even through that decision didn't seem to make sense to you at the time. Did that experience strengthen your relationship with God? If so, how?

- After the Cherith dried up, Elijah trusted God and moved on to Zarephath. Is there a "dry river" in your life God is using to "motivate" you to move on to what He has next for you?
- Just like Elijah, pain in our lives can lead us to a total dependence on God and a more intimate relationship with Him. Pray and ask God to help you see Him and depend totally on Him during the good times and the bad.
- 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 ways is God meeting your needs today? Is there anything out of the ordinary that God is using to accomplish that? Is it sufficient?
- What step of faith did you take as a result of this message/study? Would you characterize it as a baby step of a giant step?

Talk It Over with God:

These prayer tips can guide your time alone with God each day. Praying with a friend or a small group might help you stick to it.

- Ask God to continue preparing you for the great purposes he has in store for your life.
- If you are going through any difficult circumstances right now, ask God to show you His purpose through these situations.
- During your prayer time bring to God any needs you currently have. Also, pray for the needs of others.
- 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.
- Commit to being open to God's daily guidance so that He can continue working through you and transform you.