

September 19 – 1 Kings 17 - Elijah and the Widow

Discussion Questions:

1. What's one thing that stood out to you from the sermon?
2. Why did God send Elijah to live with the widow in Zarephath? What did He want to accomplish for the widow? What did he want to accomplish for the people of Zarephath?
3. Why did Elijah ask the woman for water? Why did he ask for food? Why did he insist that she make food for him before making it for herself and her son?
4. Why did the woman honor Elijah's requests, even though he was a complete stranger to her? What did her actions reveal about her faith in God?
5. If you had been in the widow's place, how would you have reacted when your son died? When Elijah asked you for his body? When he was resurrected?
6. How did the widow's faith contrast with the faith of most Israelites at the time? What spiritual benefits did Israel enjoy that the woman did not have? What blessings did she gain that Israel lacked?
7. How strong was the widow's faith in the Lord when she first met Elijah? What did the Lord do to make it even stronger? How had her faith grown by the end of this passage?
8. What was the woman's response to her son's death? Was she wrong for making such an emotional outburst? How do you see her faith even in the way she reacts to this event?
9. Does someone have a memory of a time that you obeyed God's Word, even though you were uncertain what consequences it might bring? How did that obedience strengthen your faith?

10. Why does God often meet our needs on a daily basis rather than a monthly or yearly basis? What would happen to our attitude and mindset if we always had everything we needed?
11. What's one thing you need to obey from this passage / sermon?