



STORIES OF ELIJAH & ELISHA



Sermon Outline

Key Scripture

Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and said, "The Lord - he is God! The Lord - he is God!"
1 Kings 18:38-39

There is only one God

1. Choose your master

How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.
1 Kings 18:21

2. Challenge false idols

You call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers by fire - he is God.
1 Kings 18:24

3. Ask God to change your heart

Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.
1 Kings 18:37

ELIJAH & THE PROPHETS OF BAAL

Opening Thought

Elijah faces down four hundred fifty prophets of Baal to see who the real God is. He had incredible faith that God would come through because he knew that there is only one true God!

For personal reflection or group discussion.

- Can you think of a time that you were greatly outnumbered? What happened?
- Are you a trash-talker or do you prefer to let your actions speak for you?
- What impresses you most about Elijah in this passage?

Questions to go deeper in your faith.

God answered Elijah's prayer and revealed himself to Elijah and the people of Israel. How has God revealed himself to you?

What do you think Elijah's main reason was for challenging the prophets of Baal? (see v. 37)

Christians believe there is one true God, but sometimes we unintentionally serve false gods. What are one or two false gods that continue to resurface in your life?

What differences do you see in the way the prophets of Baal prayed versus Elijah's prayer? What can we learn from this?

Next Steps

- Sometimes it just takes one person to do what's right. Pray for the courage to face the false idols in our world and reveal to people that the Lord is God.
- Ask God to show you the false idols that have crept into your life. Confess and ask the Lord to help you develop into the man or woman that he has called you to be.