



STORIES OF ELIJAH & ELISHA



Sermon Outline

Key Scripture

There was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord...

1 Kings 17:15-16

God is mighty!

1. God is mighty to provide

The ravens brought Elijah bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

1 Kings 17:6

2. God is mighty to prepare his people

The word of the Lord came to Elijah: "Leave here and turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan."

1 Kings 17:2-3

3. God is mighty to pardon sin

Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord from your mouth is the truth."

1 Kings 17:24

ELIJAH & THE WIDOW OF ZAREPHATH

Opening Thought

We are beginning a six-week series exploring stories from the power prophets Elijah and Elisha. These guys were mighty men of God! But they were only mighty because God is mighty!

For personal reflection or group discussion.

- If you could have an unending supply, what food would you choose?
- What was one of the worst pieces of news you've ever had to convey to another person? The best news?
- What impresses you most about Elijah in this passage?

Questions to go deeper in your faith.

In 1 Kings 17:2-3, God led Elijah to a period of hiding in the Kerith Ravine. Kerith means "cut off or cut down." Describe a painful experience that God used to shape you into who you are today.

After the brook dried up, Elijah trusted God and moved on to Zarephath. Is there a "dry brook" in your life God is using to motivate you to move on to what he has next for you?

How do you think the widow felt about Elijah's words? (v. 13-14)

What clues can you find in this passage about Elijah's prayer life? What can you learn from it?

Next Steps

- Pain in our lives can lead us to a total dependence on God and 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.
- Ask God to help develop you into the man or woman that he has called you to be. Thank him for his daily guidance and provision in your life as he continues to transform you.