



Trust His Word

1 Kings 17:1-9

Introduction

Most of us feel very ordinary. When we look at the heroes of the Bible and history, they all seem so extraordinary, and we feel like we could never be used like they were.

As we look through the life of Elijah, we see that he was, in many ways, an ordinary man (James 5:17), yet God demonstrated His power through Elijah in incredible ways.

Elijah's first recorded action of obedience was to go before King Ahab and declare that God was sending a drought on the land because of their wickedness. After Elijah delivers the message, God tells him to go hide by a brook and get his food from ravens. Over time, the brook dries up, and God again speaks to Elijah, telling him to get up and move again.

From this portion of Elijah's life, we learn that God's power works through those who trust God's word. We draw three lessons about God's Word from this passage:

- 1) God's word demands that I change.
- 2) God's word doesn't always make sense to me.
- 3) God's word is always timely.

Main Idea:

God's power works through those who trust God's word.

Discussion

- 1) What makes you feel ordinary?
- 2) Describe a time when you know God called you, from the Bible, to make a change. How did you respond?
- 3) Why does God's plan often not make sense?
- 4) What is the most unusual thing you know God called you to do to obey Him? What did God do through that experience?
- 5) How would you have responded to God's direction in **verse 3-4**?
- 6) When are you most prone to question God's timing?
- 7) How do you keep obeying and trusting when everything seems to be going wrong?

Application

- 1) Is there anything God has shown you to do that you are not doing? What do you need to change?
- 2) Are there areas of your life where you are tired of waiting on God to speak? How does Elijah's example help you obey?