

March 14, 2021
The Power of One Voice



Key Scriptures

1Ki 17:1-9 NASB Now Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word." (2) The word of the LORD came to him, saying, (3) "Go away from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. (4) "It shall be that you will drink of the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to provide for you there." (5) So he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went and lived by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. (6) The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he would drink from the brook. (7) It happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land. (8) Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, (9) "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and stay there; behold, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you."

The Big Point:

We all are looking forward to achieving our dreams and fulfilling our potential. We are told to keep our eye on the prize and keep the past in the rear view mirror. But sometimes in life we need to look back to go forward. We have to remember where we came from, realize how we got here, and then figure out how to go forward. In this message series we are going to study the story of Elijah and the story Israel tried to recapture as they plotted their future.

Important points from the message:

- When God's leaders lead God's people against God's will bad times are coming.
- If we want to know what's next, finish the last instruction.
- God crafts His leaders from the rags in the desert.
- It doesn't matter how successful in life you are, you still have to go through the University of the Desert.
- Israel began to be delivered from Baal because Elijah decided to take a step toward righteousness.

Important quote:

- *We must decide if we are trying to save time or build our lives correctly.*
- *God's ultimate desire is to redeem the relationship that you sacrificed to sin.*
- *You may not have power over the past, but you have authority over the future.*

Questions that may get your group talking.

- Did you ever experience a moment where you felt like you were supposed to say or do something? Did you do it or did you stay quiet?
- Tell about a time you took a step without knowing what the next step was supposed to be. How did it work out?
- What has stood out to you in this series about Elijah?

Questions that may get your group thinking.

- How have you seen God provide when you obeyed?
- What is a step God has challenged you with? What is a step you can take towards righteousness in that area?

Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Invite someone to church this week.
- Text GoRLC to 97000 and sign up for a ministry team.