

March 21, 2021
The Desert Degree



Key Scriptures

1Ki 17:7-16 NASB *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." (10) So he arose and went to Zarephath, and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks; and he called to her and said, "Please get me a little water in a jar, that I may drink." (11) As she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a piece of bread in your hand." (12) But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have no bread, only a handful of flour in the bowl and a little oil in the jar; and behold, I am gathering a few sticks that I may go in and prepare for me and my son, that we may eat it and die." (13) Then Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go, do as you have said, but make me a little bread cake from it first and bring it out to me, and afterward you may make one for yourself and for your son. (14) "For thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'The bowl of flour shall not be exhausted, nor shall the jar of oil be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain on the face of the earth.'" (15) So she went and did according to the word of Elijah, and she and he and her household ate for many days. (16) The bowl of flour was not exhausted nor did the jar of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke through Elijah.*

Mat 4:11 NASB Then the devil *left Him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to Him.

The Big Point:

While Elijah was in the desert drinking from the stream and eating from the raven God was doing a deep work in his heart. God was teaching Elijah trust and faith. As we continue in our Elijah message series from 1 Kings, we are seeing how God raises disciples.

Important points from the message:

- God leads us into the desert because there are principles he wants us to learn.
- Trust God in the journey.
- You have a curse breaking blessing on your life.
- God will bless those who put their faith in him.

Important quote:

- *God wants our soul to be thirsty enough to drink from his river of truth.*
- *We don't know what we need. Only God knows.*
- *We never graduate from the need to help those around us.*
- *If we keep god's priorities, our priorities, the blessings will come.*

Questions that may get your group talking.

- Do you feel like your prosperity is determined by the circumstances in your life? How can you turn back to God?
- Have you experienced the curse breaking blessing on your life? Tell us about it.
- What has stood out to you in this series about Elijah?

Questions that may get your group thinking.

- Have you gotten your Desert Degree?
- Tell about a time you experienced God's miracle meat - a time God provided an unexpected blessing in the midst of a desert season.
- Has God ever led you to do something that didn't make sense but the result was blessing? Tell is about that.

Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Invite someone to Easter Service.
- Text GoRLC to 97000 and sign up for a ministry team.