

March 28, 2021
The Battle Before



Key Scriptures

1Ki 17:17-24 NASB Now it came about after these things that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became sick; and his sickness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. (18) So she said to Elijah, "What do I have to do with you, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my iniquity to remembrance and to put my son to death!" (19) He said to her, "Give me your son." Then he took him from her bosom and carried him up to the upper room where he was living, and laid him on his own bed. (20) He called to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, have You also brought calamity to the widow with whom I am staying, by causing her son to die?" (21) Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and called to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, I pray You, let this child's life return to him." (22) The LORD heard the voice of Elijah, and the life of the child returned to him and he revived. (23) Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house and gave him to his mother; and Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." (24) Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

Gal 6:9 NASB Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.

The Big Point:

Prophets have a hard life, not because God has forsaken them but because they have to live a life of victory. God keeps giving them new areas of warfare so they can learn new aspects of victory. Elijah kept getting side missions to gain skills to and experience so he could win the ultimate battle. He didn't get distracted from the side missions, he kept his eyes on making God real to the people under Baal's curse.

Important points from the message:

- God takes us through side battles to learn step by step how to win the ultimate battle.
- You have a curse breaking blessing on your life.
- You are here for a reason.

Important quote:

- God will bless those who have faith in him.
- When God's Kingdom shows up, the false kingdom shows itself and is defeated.
- Revival begins when you get real with God. Quit trying to be cute. Quit blaming, quit complaining.
- You have to drag your issues upstairs to your sacred space until you see life.

Questions that may get your group talking.

- In this season, have you felt like struggles are bigger than they are?
- What are some false gods our society have put their faith in?
- What are some side quests God has sent you on that prepared you for a later battle?
- What is the victory God is preparing you for?

Questions that may get your group thinking.

- Who is God in your life?
- What issues in your life need more time in the sacred space?
What problems do you need to stretch your life over?

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.