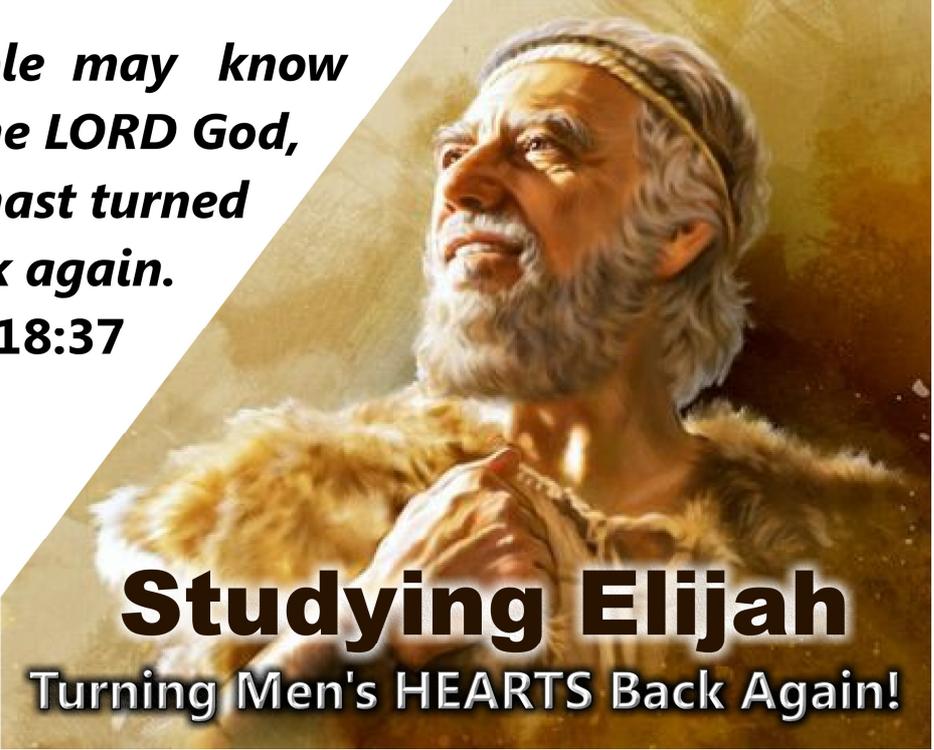


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*That this people may know
that thou art the LORD God,
and that thou hast turned
their heart back again.*

1 Kings 18:37

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Studying Elijah
Turning Men's HEARTS Back Again!

Studying the Life Principles of

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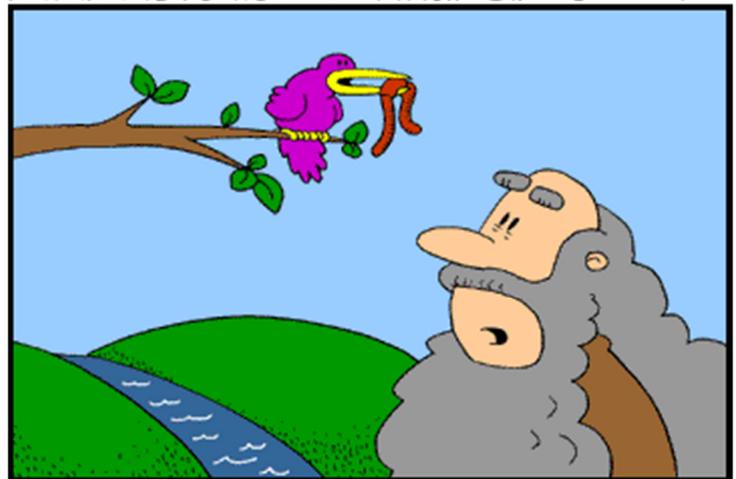
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so after Elijah's sacrifice was accepted by God there was that awkward silence until.. Elijah broke the ice with a little humor. | **Kings 18:38-40ish**

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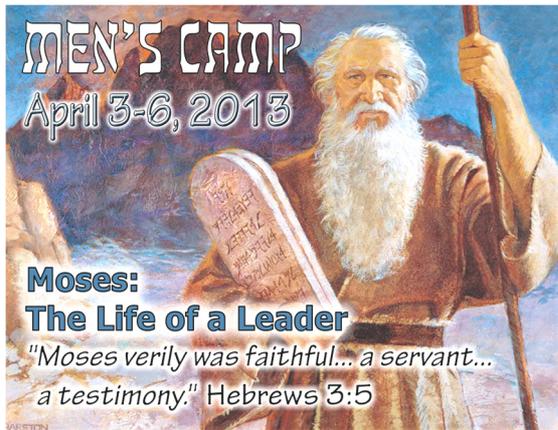
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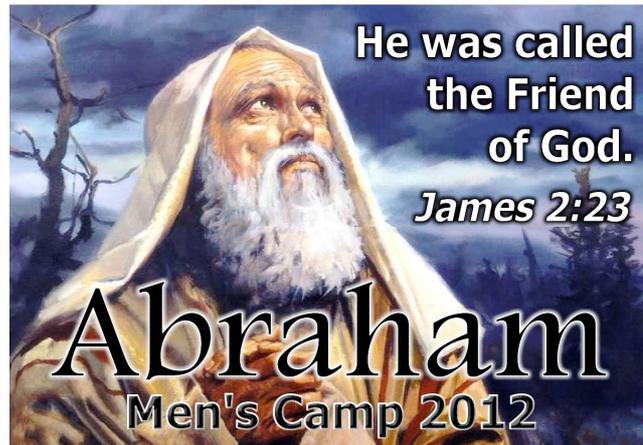
Time	Duration	Main Function	Support Function
WEDNESDAY 17TH JUNE			
2:00pm		Start Arriving at Camp - Unpack and Start Dinner	
3:00pm	2:30 hr	Sports Time	
5:30pm	1:30 hr	Dinner (<i>Cheeseburgers & Chips</i>)	
7:00pm	1 hr	Settle In	
8:00pm	1:30 hr	1st Session – We Need Elijahs	Craig Ledbetter
9:30pm	2 hr	Fellowship Time Snack (<i>Tea, Coffee, pie, ice-cream</i>)	
11:30am	8:00hrs	Sleep	
THURSDAY 18TH			
7:30am	1:15 hr	Wake-Up and Shower	<i>Prepare Breakfast</i>
8:30am	1:30 hr	Prayer Breakfast (<i>Scrambled Eggs, Porridge, etc.</i>) - Men's Pray Grps	
10:00am	30 min	Break	
10:30am	1:30 hr	2nd Session – Preparing Elijahs	Dan Eberly
12:00pm	1 hr	Lunch (<i>Soup & Sandwiches, etc.</i>)	
1:00pm	4 hrs	Hiking, Hill Walking, and Sports	<i>Prepare Dinner</i>
5:00pm	1:45 hr	Dinner (<i>Baked Ziti, Salad, Garlic Bread, etc.</i>)	
6:45pm	1:15 hr	3rd Session – The Strengths of Elijah	Declan Flanagan
8:00pm	1:15 hr	Dessert, Tea and Coffee - Free Time	
9:15pm	1:30 hr	4th Session – Facing the Giants	David O'Gorman
10:45pm	1:15 hr	Bonfire	
12:00am	7:30hrs	Sleep	
FRIDAY 19TH			
7:30am	1:15 hr	Wake-Up and Shower	<i>Prepare Breakfast</i>
8:45am	30 min	Quiet Time Devotions	
9:15am	1 hr	Breakfast (<i>Eggs, Beans, Sausage, Cereal, etc.</i>)	
10:15am	1:15 hr	5th Session – Turning a Man's Heart	Craig Ledbetter
11.30am	30 min	Break	<i>Prepare Lunch</i>
12:00pm	45 min	Lunch (<i>Hot Dogs, Chips, Soup, etc.</i>)	
12:45pm	5 hr	Hiking, Hill Walking, and Sports	
5:45pm	1:15 hr	Dinner (<i>BBQ Chicken, Mixed Veg, Salad, Rice, Potatoes, etc.</i>)	
7:00pm	1:15 hr	6th Session – Elijah's Biggest Battle	Stuart Harvey
8:15pm	45min	Dessert, Tea and Coffee - Free Time	
9:00pm	1:30 hr	7th Session – Passing the Mantle	Layton Kelly
10:30pm	1 hr	Pop-Corn Preaching!	
12:00am	7:30hrs	Sleep	
SATURDAY 20TH			
7:30am	1 hr	Wake-Up and Shower	<i>Prepare Breakfast</i>
8:30am	1 hr	Breakfast (<i>Porridge, Cereal, etc.</i>)	
9:30am	1 hr	8th Session – How I Want to Leave This World	Philip Tharp
10:30am	1:30 hr	Pack-up and clean-up	
12:00pm	30min	Lunch (<i>Sandwiches, Crisps, etc.</i>)	
12:30pm		Leave for Home	

Men of Faith We Have Studied Through the Years



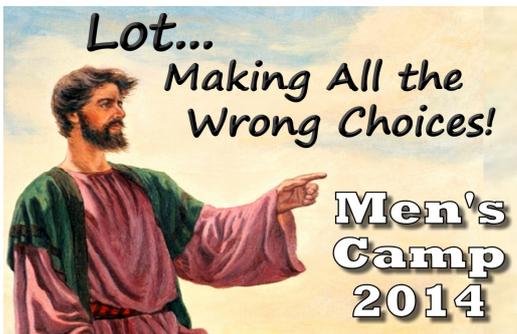
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**Moses:
The Life of a Leader**
"Moses verily was faithful... a servant...
a testimony." Hebrews 3:5



He was called
the Friend
of God.
James 2:23

Abraham
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Lot...
Making All the
Wrong Choices!

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"Iron sharpeneth iron;
so a man sharpeneth
the countenance
of his friend."
Proverbs 27:17

Studying the Life Principles of...
JONATHAN
APRIL 27-30, 2011
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**Faithful Men's
Spiritual Retreat 2010**
Mt Melleray Scouting Centre

Studying the Life Principles of
Adam



"Be not deceived; God
is not mocked: for
whatsoever a man
soweth, that shall he
also reap."
Galatians 6:7

Taking Responsibility

**Faithful Men's
Spiritual Retreat 2008**
Bandon Faith Mission Camp
27th - 29th March, 2008

Studying the Life Principles of Job



"The LORD gave, and
the LORD hath taken
away; blessed be the
name of the LORD."
Job 1:21

Holding Fast in Times of Trial

**MEN of
FAITH**



John the Baptist 2003

**Faithful Men's
Spiritual Retreat 2009**
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Studying the Life Principles of
Joshua

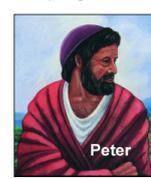


"But charge Joshua, and
encourage him, and
strengthen him; for he
shall go over before this
people, and he shall cause
them to inherit the land
which thou shalt see."
Deuteronomy 3:28

Preparing to Lead

**Faithful Men's
Spiritual Retreat 2007**
Bandon Faith Mission Camp

Studying the Life Principles of:



"And the Lord said,
Simon, Simon, behold, Satan
hath desired to have you, that
he may sift you as wheat:
But I have prayed for thee, that
thy faith fail not:
and when thou art converted,
strengthen thy brethren."
Luke 22:31,32

**Old Habits Die Hard!
But the CAN die... on the cross!**

**Faithful Men's
Spiritual Retreat 2006**
Muckross Venture Centre, Killarney

Studying the Life Principles of:



"When my soul fainted
within me I
remembered the
LORD"
Jonah 2:7

Jonah

Doing the Will of God from the Heart!
(Ephesians 6:6)

Timothy 2005 NOAH 2004

Special Songs

Faithful Men

I am looking to Jesus, giving all in the race,
pressing upward to gain the heavenly prize!
Faithful men are my witness,
who have struggled for Christ,
and they watch from the grandstands in the sky!

Chorus

Faithful men... have gone before us!
Faithful men... who fight and stand!
I want to fol-low in their footsteps!
Make me Lord... a faithful man!



Jacob joined with the faithful; Joseph followed behind;
Moses ran with the mighty men of old!
There was David and Daniel; Then came Peter and Paul.
Now they shout as they run on streets of gold!
(To Chorus)

End of the last Chorus

Make me Lord... a faithful man.
Make me Lord, a *faith-ful* man!

A Few Good Men

What this dying world could use, Is a willing man of God
Who dares to go against the grain, And work without applause
A man who'll raise the shield of faith, Protecting what is pure
Whose love is tough and gentle, A man whose word is sure

God doesn't need an orator, Who knows just what to say
He doesn't need authorities, To reason Him away
He doesn't need an army, To guarantee a win
He just needs a few good men!

Chorus

Men full of love compassion, Who'll laugh and love and cry
Men who'll face eternity and aren't afraid to die
Men who'll fight for freedom and honour once again
He just needs a few good men

He calls the broken derelict whose life has been renewed
He calls the ones who know his Son to stand up for the truth
Enlistment lines are open and he wants you come in
He just needs a few good men

To Chorus

The Elijah Song

Turn Us Again

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Our day is dark, our generation lost,
and men need most, revival!
We've loved ourselves, and loved this world,
and do not know the Bible!
It's just as it was, in Elijah's day, and probably even worse...
Before it's too late, let's humble ourselves, before God sends a curse!

There was a man, a faithful man of God, who stood before, the Lord.
He loved to pray, and lived to preach, and faith was his reward!
For the ravens obeyed, the clouds held back, to teach all men a lesson.
So, Before it's too late, let's humble ourselves, and turn to the God of heaven.

*Hear us O Lord, that all men may know, there is no God but You!
And that You can change, the hardest of hearts, and-dead-things, You renew!
Give a double portion of thy Spirit - let a revival, in us begin;
By the power of God, please save more men, and bring them home again!*

Elijah stood, a-lone on-Mount-Carmel, and faced the hosts of Baal;
They danced and prayed, and cut themselves, but all to no avail.
Then Elijah prayed, and repaired God's altar, the only hope for mercy;
And then God's wrath, fell only on that altar, and God got all the glory!

Elijah's faith, was enough to feed a widow, and raise her son to life.
But Elijah was weak, and only just a man, as Jezebel brought to light.
So, Elijah had to learn, the power of God, that brought such victory,
Will always be enough, as-we-walk-humbly-with-God, to give glorious liberty!

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By the power of God, please save more men..., and bring, them home, again!

We Need More Godly Men

***Where have all the godly men gone?** Where are the ones who have committed themselves to firmly obeying God's Word? It is up to us who have surrendered ourselves to God, to lead and encourage others to also make that same commitment. Many men simply need some help. A born-again believer in Christ, standing firm on the word of God has a responsibility to encourage and help all our brothers to be focused on becoming, and remaining godly men.*

***What does it mean to be a godly man?** Simply put, it is living a life with the Lord Jesus Christ in control of our words, actions and our every decision! Anybody can "act" like a man, but only when someone yields to Christ's authority over their lives, will a man start to live godly! Godly men don't leave the raising of their families to the wife, or to the school, or even to the church – they personally lead their families in a humble walk with God! They grow in their own faith, and that results in their family also growing in their own faith. Godly men love their Lord, their wife, their children, and their calling, whatever God asks them to do and be.*

***A godly man is firmly devoted to his family.** The godly man doesn't leave his children, break-up the family unit, or go out seeking another woman to be his companion. His wife is precious in his eyes and their marriage is a lifelong commitment. For a godly man there is no thought of shattering his family to pursue other interests. All of his personal interests are now always connected with his family.*

***Godly fathers have decided to be the example that their children will follow.** Children are not fooled; many dads talk the religious talk, but when it comes to walking the walk, they constantly stumble, and their children notice. Gentlemen, are you reading your Bible, and obeying it, or... is your real interest in sports, movies, hobbies and your work? Children living in that type of household grow up totally rejecting the whole idea of following Jesus Christ. A son naturally looks to his father to learn to be a man. If that father does not take obeying God seriously then the son will not take God seriously either. A daughter looks to her father to understand what a husband should be. If her father compromises his role as a godly husband, the daughter will compromise in her choice of a husband. Is that what you want?*

***Men, we are raising the next generation,** and for this reason we must stand up for Jesus Christ in our lives NOW while our children are young and allow them to witness first hand our faith and our love for Christ as we love them and as we publicly demonstrate our love for our wives. Too many families have been torn apart.*

Every man and boy has the potential to grow to be a godly man. It's just a matter of just one person in their home being godly - learning the strong truths of God and then putting those precepts into place. Will YOU be that one person?

This weekend, tear down every idol that is stopping you from being godly. Because this world, our churches, and especially our families need to see more godly men!

Scriptures to Memorize

Meditate on these throughout the Retreat for best effect on your mind and heart!

<p>1 Kings 18:37 (The Prayer of Elijah for Our Generation) <i>Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.</i></p>	
<p>Lamentations 3:40 (Examine My Self) <i>Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord.</i></p>	<p>Jeremiah 33:3 (Believe God) <i>Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.</i></p>
<p>Luke 1:17 (What God wants to do in me) <i>And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.</i></p>	<p>Acts 20:24 (Commitment to God's Will) <i>But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.</i></p>
<p>Mark 6:31 (Have a Balance) <i>And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.</i></p>	<p>Ezekiel 22:30 (God NEEDS Us to Care) <i>And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.</i></p>
<p>Romans 7:18 (The Big Problem is ME) <i>For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.</i></p>	<p>Ephesians 6:13 (Prepare for Battle) <i>Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.</i></p>
<p>2 Kings 2:9 (I Need More of God than Me) <i>And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.</i></p>	<p>James 5:16 (How to Pray) <i>The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.</i></p>
<p>Isaiah 55:6,7 (God's Call to All Men) <i>Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.</i></p>	<p>Proverbs 3:5 (Doing Things By Faith) <i>Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.</i></p>
	<p>Ephesians 5:18 (Yearn to Be Filled) <i>And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.</i></p>

If You Believe the Bible... then, You're Not Alone!

These are many of the Bible believing Pastors and Churches here in Ireland
Thank God for these truly Faithful Men – God's Men!



No one is in Killarney

No one is in Athy

No one is in Kildare

No one is in Carlow

No one is in Dundalk

No one is in Drogheda

No one is in Tralee

No one is in Tipperary

No one is in Youghal

No one is in Clonmel

No one is in Wexford

No one is in Port Laoise

No one is in Sligo

No one is in Ennis

No one is in Castlebar

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Who else will join us to reach this island with the Gospel?

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Introducing Elijah

1 Kings 17 – 2 Kings 2

Can you fill in the missing information?

One of THE greatest prophets of all time, wrote no part of the Bible, and lived in one of the darkest times of Israel's history. His name... was **Elijah**! He was no super-hero, with the ability to stop speeding trains, but he was able to stand firmly against the wicked leaders, and the barefaced sins of the day! Most people can only talk a good talk, but Elijah acted, and did what no one thought could be done - *turn the hearts of the entire nation of Israel, back to God!* It is this man, Elijah, that we will study and learn from during this Camp.



Israel Has Turned Away from God

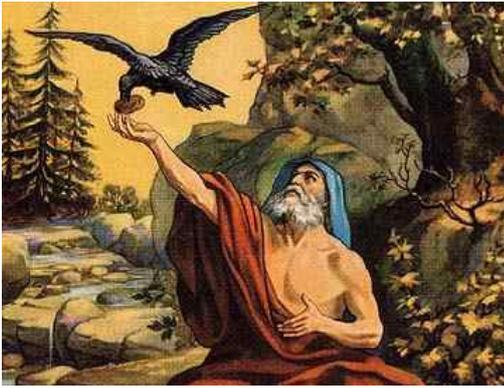
When Elijah shows up, the nation of Israel had been divided for 60 years since king Solomon's reign. What once was one, unified nation under God, has split into two warring countries that are nearly opposite in every way. The southern kingdom is called Judah, and really struggles to do right, often failing though, with idolatry and paganism creeping into the everyday life of the people of Judah. But the northern nation is called Israel, or the Ten Northern Tribes. Since the split, not one good king ever led Israel to follow God. The people were not interested in obeying God anymore. They only wanted to be wealthy and powerful like all the other nations around them.

And so, king after king came along, each out-doing the previous king in their sin, and causing all the people of Israel to sin. The Bible says each "*did evil in the sight of the LORD...*", "*provoking God to _____...*" until it got so bad that king Ahab "*did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.*" This wicked king despised the Lord Jehovah, the God of Israel, and he instead committed his life to serve the demon god, **Baal**. But that was just the beginning. Ahab married a really evil woman named Jezebel, who actually is one of the most wicked women in the Bible! These two people proudly led the nation of Israel to live completely against all of God's laws. Together, they built a temple to Baal, and a special altar made for the worship of their golden god. In the end, Ahab was not only leading Israel deeper and deeper into sin and away from God – but he was leading them to righteous judgment and destruction by the hand of God!

A Prophet Arises in Israel (1Kings 17:1)

Suddenly, out of the wilderness a man named **Elijah** appears, proclaiming the coming judgment of God. "*As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be _____ nor _____ these years, but according to my word.*" All that is known about Elijah is that he was from the village of **Tishbe**, in the area known as Gilead. His name means "*God is Jehovah*" and it foretells his calling and mission to point people to that very fact that the only Jehovah is God! It must have been something to hear the name "Elijah" as he fearlessly approaches king Ahab, accusing him and Jezebel of **offending** the God of heaven and earth, declaring that it would not rain until he would say it would, as judgment for the sins of the leaders as well as the people of Israel. And then, just as suddenly as he appears, Elijah leaves Ahab, and goes to a small river named **Cherith**, where God sent him to take care of him during the drought.





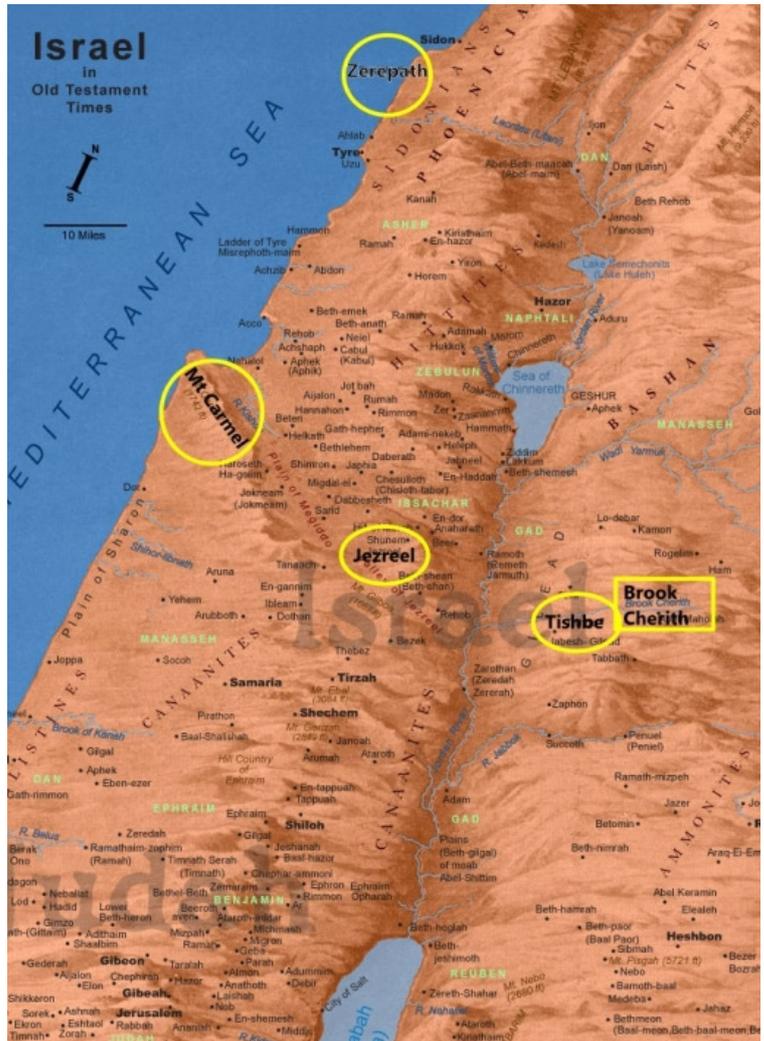
God Provides for Elijah (1 King 17:2-16)

While there, as the drought began to dry up all the land of Israel, Elijah always was able to draw water from the brook. And while there, God showed His power and commanded the _____ to bring food to Elijah. Every morning, and every evening the _____ brought Elijah bread and meat. So far so good. Elijah was enjoying the blessings of trusting God to take good care of him.

Then, after many days without any rain, anywhere, the brook dried up. What can Elijah do now?

It was then, when the water was gone, when the brook had dried up, that God told Elijah to go to a place nearly 60 miles northwest, called **Zarephath** and that a _____ would

take care of him there. Elijah obeyed God and went to this coastal city of Zarephath. There, he meets a woman near the gates of the city and notices she is gathering sticks. He amazingly asks her for a drink of water, knowing that there simply IS no water, and that whatever water she had, would be vital for HER and her family to live on! But amazingly, she goes to get him his drink, and that is when this man of God boldly in faith in God asks for a small cake of bread, like a scone! That was when this woman reveals she is a widow, and that she only had a little bit of flour and oil, and she was going to make a small cake of bread and then starve to death. Elijah believes God will not only take care of him, but also will take care of this hopeless and helpless widow as well. So he encourages HER to trust his God, and promises her that God would make her barrel of flour and jar of _____ to never run out until it rained again. The woman simply chose to trust Elijah and for over a year every time she went to make bread for Elijah and her family, she miraculously had flour and oil to do so.



A Dead Son Resurrected (1Kings 17:17-24)

As Elijah is there, living with the widow and her son, her son fell sick and became so ill that he died. His mother was so overwhelmed that she accused Elijah of bringing her past sins into remembrance and causing her son to die. Without hesitating, Elijah asked for her son and he laid him upon Elijah's bed and prayed for God to restore the boy's life. God heard Elijah's prayer and the soul of the boy returned and the boy was alive again! Elijah brought the now living boy to his mother and it was then that she knew he was truly a man of God and that whatever he spoke of the Lord was truth.

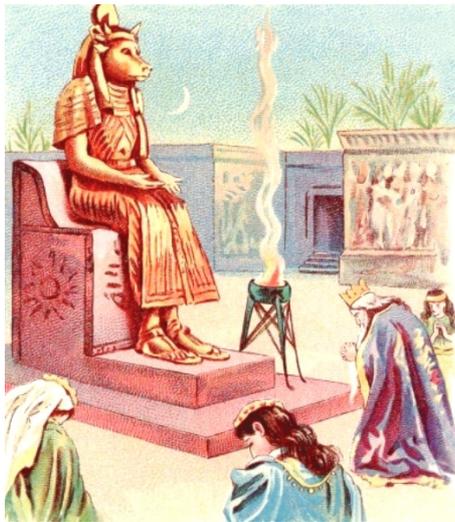
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Elijah Confronts Ahab (1Kings 18:1-18)

It has not rained for three and a half years now, and severe drought and famine had spread throughout all the land of Israel. It was now time for Elijah to confront Ahab again and to pray for the rain to return.

During all the three and a half years, Ahab has been searching everywhere for Elijah. He and Jezebel had been killing off anyone who was a prophet of God. Ahab hated Elijah, and blamed him for the famine and drought, even though he knew that Elijah could restore the rain.

As Elijah heads back into Israel from Zarephath, he meets Obadiah, the governor of Ahab's house, and tells him to go and get his master and to bring him to meet face to face with Elijah. Obadiah is terrified at the sight of Elijah, fearing that Elijah will not be there when he returns. But Elijah assures Obadiah that he will stay and wait, because he must confront Ahab. Obadiah races back to the king and tells him Elijah is alive and wants to meet up with him. And



as Ahab approaches this man of God, he tries to blame Elijah for the drought, and act like Elijah is the enemy of Israel. But Elijah declares that it is because of the wickedness of Ahab and his fathers that the rain had stopped. The drought was because they had turned their back away from following the God of Israel and His commandments, and instead choosing to love Baal!

Jezebel - The Power Behind the Power (1Kings 18:13)

Now, to be sure, it was Jezebel who controlled Ahab; and it was HER god, Baal, that would be the enemy for Elijah to defeat to save the souls of God's people! She had personally brought into Israel a small army of 850 paid false prophets of Baal to completely replace all worship of the God of Israel. And this evil woman had hunted down and killed every person who dared threaten her position of power. So, Elijah was up against a serious foe! By the way, Baal was a very evil god, worshipped by the original Canaanites, and at the time of Elijah, by the nation of Israel. Base sex worship was prevalent, and religious prostitution even commanded; human sacrifice was common; and it was a frequent practice--in an effort to keep Baal happy--to kill young children and bury them in the foundations of a house or public building at the time of its construction! THAT was how dedicated the Israelites were to Baal when Elijah stood alone on Mount Carmel.

The Fire of Mount Carmel (1Kings 18:19-46)

Elijah offers a challenge to king Ahab to gather together all the 850 prophets of Baal and to meet him at the top of Mount . He asks that ALL the people of Israel come and watch as Elijah's God takes on Jezebel's god! Ahab gladly agrees and they all met upon **Mount Carmel**. It was there that Elijah publically demanded that the people make a decision about who is God - whether it is Jehovah, or Baal, and to choose to follow one - not just sit on the side-lines!



The fact is, there are only two options. But the people would not answer. They had no interest in making such a commitment. You see, this was more than a choice of deciding who is God, but who will we obey and serve! And people only want head decisions, but never ones that change the course of our lives! So, Elijah then offers a test to PROVE who the true God Almighty is.

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He asks for two sacrificial altars to be made and two bulls to be provided, and the God that answered the prayers by sending fire from heaven to consume and burn up the sacrifice, would be the true God! What a step of faith!

The prophets of Baal went first. They prepared their bull and put it on their fancy altar and began praying to their false god, Baal. But after about six hours, there was no response – no fire from the sky - nothing. So they started jumping upon the altar to show their zeal, and yet there was still no answer to their prayers. All the while, Elijah was sitting back and watching. After most of the day has passed with nothing happening, Elijah began to mock them and laugh at them, asking them to consider that maybe Baal might be sleeping and couldn't hear them. The false prophets then began to shout louder and cut themselves with knives to get Baal's attention. But, no matter how hard they tried to get Baal to respond, nothing happened.

Toward the end of the day, just before sunset, Elijah stood up called all the people to give him their undivided attention, to see what God will do. Elijah next carefully repaired the old altar of God that hadn't been used in over 100 years and then dug a trench around the altar. He carefully placed the sacrifice of his bull on top of the old altar. He then commanded that TWELVE large barrels of water be brought up to the top of the mountain and poured on top of the bull and altar. Water was very scarce, but Elijah wanted to prove that God would consume the sacrifice and that it didn't just happen because of the dryness of the wood and a spark catching it on fire.

At this point, the altar and the bull were soaked, and the trench was filled with water. And it was then that Elijah prayed, asking God to remind all the people that HE is God, and that He has now turned their hearts back to Him! Then an amazing thing happened. A fireball from heaven fell upon the altar and consumed the sacrifice, wood, stones, and the water - removing everything - even the dust around the altar was gone!

When the people heard Elijah powerful and passionately pray, and then saw the fire fall, they were terrified and fell upon their faces to the ground and declared Jehovah to be the one true God! Elijah then stood and commanded the people to quickly capture all the prophets of Baal and to have them killed. Ahab has been watching everything take place, and now Elijah tells him that the rain is coming. Elijah then climbs to the top of Mount Carmel. After telling his servant to look out at the sky seven times, he begins to see a small cloud form with the likeness of a hand. Elijah sends his messenger to Ahab to tell him to hasten and leave before the storm comes and he gets caught in it. The hand of the Lord comes upon Elijah and Elijah ends up running and beating Ahab, in his chariot, to **Jezreel**.



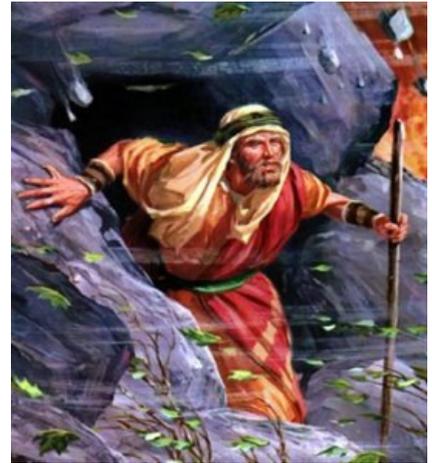
Elijah's Flight (1Kings 19:1-8)

Ahab reports to Jezebel all that Elijah had done upon Mount Carmel and that all 850 of her prophets had been killed. Jezebel now wants Elijah dead by the next day and sends Elijah a message that he had a death warrant upon his head. Elijah receives the message and instead of trusting God to continue to take care of him, he flees for his life into the desert wilderness. Elijah is so distraught over his life that he wants to die, so he sat down and asked God to kill him. But the problem was that Elijah hadn't eaten or slept for days! God sent an angel not once, but twice to feed Elijah and keep him going. Elijah eats and then sleeps. And then, Elijah started on a _____ day journey to Mount Sinai where he faced his worst problem – himself!

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Elijah's Discouragement (1Kings 19:8-18)

When he finally arrives to the Mount of God, he found a cave for shelter. When he arrived, God plainly asked him WHY he was there. Elijah is at his lowest point spiritually and in self-pity declares that he alone has been following God, and it has gotten him nowhere. God then tells him to go outside and stand upon the edge of the mountain. Elijah waits for some BIG thing to happen as God passes by the mountain. There was a fierce wind that rose up, but that was only wind – it was not God. Then a great earthquake rocked the ground, yet God was not in the earthquake. Then after the earthquake a great fire roared in front of Elijah, but God was not in the fire. Then, quietly, just after the roar of the fire calmed down, there was a “ _____, _____ ” voice that could just barely be heard speaking. When Elijah heard it, he was not impressed, and instead just wrapped his face into his mantle and went back into the cave. God kindly asks him again why he was there, and again Elijah tries to justify his frustration with God and his fear of Jezebel. God then gives him several tasks to do. God was NOT finished with Elijah! He still had much work to do before coming home! One of the tasks of a man of God is to make sure he has a replacement, for when he leaves the ministry. God then reveals to Elijah that he was not alone in his zeal, and that there were _____ other prophets who still served God, just not as publically. Unfortunately, this did not really encourage Elijah!



Elijah Finds Elisha (1Kings 19:19-21)

Elijah obeys the Lord and heads out of the cave to get back into the ministry! His first assignment is to find a young man named _____, to succeed him as the next prophet for Israel. Elijah finds Elisha working hard, ploughing his fields with his own oxen. As Elijah walked by him and threw his mantle upon him, signifying that Elijah was choosing him to follow him. There were no words spoken! Elisha was one of the 7,000 who had NOT bowed his knee to worship Baal, and he instantly accepted God's call through the man of God, Elijah! After saying farewell to his parents and offering a yoke of oxen, Elisha whole-heartedly follows Elijah. What a way to find God's will (it finds you), and then start doing God's will (following the man of God in preparation to do exactly what HE does)!

Elijah Confronts Ahab in Naboth's Vineyard (1Kings 21:1-29)

Ahab desired a vineyard that was near to his royal palace, but was owned by another man named **Naboth**. Ahab offered to give him another vineyard or to buy it for a lot of money, but Naboth did not want to give up what had been handed down to him as an inheritance from his forefathers – Naboth refused king Ahab's wishes. So, Ahab returned to the palace and actually moped around and pouted like a spoiled child not getting his way. His wife Jezebel saw that something was bothering him and when she discovered the reason, she hatched a plan to have Naboth *murdered*. With Naboth dead, his land could be confiscated by the king! All the elders of the city did as Jezebel planned, and set Naboth up for ruin. Naboth was falsely accused of blasphemy against the gods, and then was stoned just outside the city gates. Jezebel then proudly gives the vineyard to her spoiled, brat husband, Ahab.

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All the while, God was watching everything that happened to Naboth, and told Elijah to now go and confront Ahab about this murder. As soon as Ahab sees Elijah, he accuses him of still being his enemy. Elijah replied that the only reason he is his enemy is because of Ahab selling himself over to do evil in plain sight of the Lord. Elijah then foretells of the doom and destruction that will happen to Ahab, Jezebel, and all their children. He informs Ahab that where the dogs licked the blood of Naboth, that they would lick his blood as well. Elijah prophesied that Jezebel will end up being eaten by dogs by the wall of Jezreel, and that the entire family of Ahab will be eliminated. When Ahab heard the judgment upon him for all of his sin, surprisingly he humbled himself by rending his royal clothes, fasting, and putting on sackcloth as a sign to God that he was sorry and repentant. The Lord saw Ahab's heart and told Elijah that because of Ahab humbling himself, He now would not destroy all the family of Ahab in right now, but later on, during his son's reign. And just as Elijah predicted, wicked Jezebel was thrown out of a high window, and died, and she was almost completely eaten by the dogs!

Ahab's Son, Ahaziah Seeks to Kill Elijah (2Kings 1:1-17)

Ahaziah, Ahab's son, is now king of Israel. He has an accident at his palace in which he falls through the lattice in his upper chamber. Because of his injury, he becomes ill. Ahaziah is concerned about dying and instead of turning to the Lord God Jehovah, he instead sends a messenger to a priest of his own god, Baal-zebub, the god of the Ekronites. God sent Elijah to meet the messenger and to go back and tell young king Ahaziah that he will soon die. The messenger returned and gave Ahaziah the news from Elijah. The messengers did not know that it was Elijah that they had talked to, but when they described his appearance, Ahaziah knew immediately who it was.

Ahaziah hated Elijah, and instantly sent a company of ____ soldiers to capture Elijah, and bring him before king Ahaziah. When they found Elijah sitting on top of a hill, the captain mockingly called him a "man of God" and demanded him to come down from the hill and be taken into custody. Elijah responds that IF he IS a man of God, then fire will surely come down from heaven and consume them all that moment. And right then, fire did come down and killed all of the soldiers. Ahaziah then sent another company of 51 soldiers, and the exact same thing happens. Finally, Ahaziah sends a third company. This time the captain of those 50 soldiers falls down upon his knees before Elijah and asked for the life of his men be spared. An angel then told Elijah to go with this captain and that he would be safe with him. Elijah meets Ahaziah and again rebukes king Ahaziah by asking if the reason that he had sent to inquire of Baal-zebub is because there is no God in Israel to ask help from. Elijah then tells him personally that he is going to die from the illness, and it so happens. With the death of Ahaziah, Jehoram, Ahaziah's brother, becomes king.

Elijah and the Chariot of Fire (2Kings 2:1-18)

After more than 20 years of serving the Lord, preaching, healing, and helping the people, it was time for Elijah to leave this world. Elijah knew that his time of departure was at hand and desired to one last time visit the schools of the prophets, called the "sons of the prophets" and encourage the young men to stand for God and against the culture of Israel in that time. As Elijah walked towards the desert, he commanded Elisha to stay behind and not follow him, three time. But Elisha knew that Elijah was about to leave, so he would not let Elijah leave his presence in case he just disappeared! They travelled to from Gilgal to Bethel and finally to Jericho. When they left Jericho, Elijah and Elisha came to the Jordan River. There, Elijah took off his mantle and smote the water with it, and the water divided in two so that they could walk over to the other side on dry ground. Elijah asked Elisha what one last thing he wanted him to do for him. Elisha asked for a double portion of Elijah's spirit to be upon him! Elijah was

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surprised! He knew it was a difficult request and told him that if he saw him when the Lord took him, that his request would be granted.

As the two continue to walk on together and talk, suddenly without any warning, a blazing fiery chariot led by *horses of fire* appeared in the sky! The chariot swept down and ripped the two prophets apart from each other, taking Elijah up into the sky in a whirlwind and into heaven.

Elisha saw everything and in his grief and morning, rent his clothes out of sorrow for losing such a great man of God. But, amazingly, Elijah's mantle had fallen from him when he was taken in the whirlwind, and so Elisha grabbed it and began his own ministry of serving the Lord, asking, "*Where is the LORD God of Elijah?*" (2Kings 2:14). And with those words, he smote the Jordan river with the mantle and watched it split just as it had for Elijah, and did exactly twice the number of miracles that Elijah did, and even served God over twice as long!

Read 2 Kings chapters 2-13 for the life of Elisha.

You will find a young man who:

1. Accepted the call of God to stand almost alone again in Israel, like Elijah had, standing against the culture, the politics, and the king himself at times;
2. Prayed and walked passionately and powerfully with God;
3. Continued the work of Elijah, being a godly example for the men of Israel to follow;
4. Did exactly twice the number of miracles that Elijah did, helping widows and the nation know that Jehovah God was still there for them;
5. And influenced Ahab's grandson, Jehoram, for good when Jehoram became king.



It is amazing what TWO men can do for a nation, when they seek to be filled with God's spirit, are not afraid of men, and are not satisfied until they have done their best, praying, preaching, interceding, and living for God, no matter the cost!

Session 1 – Our Generation Needs Elijahs

Preacher – Bible Baptist Church, Ballincollig, Cork

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.” Malachi 4:5,6

Sermon Notes:

A Man's Quiet Time

How Does a Real Man Walk with His God?

Please read this simple explanation of how to prepare your heart for a daily serious time with God through His word. It will make all the difference in the world to come humbly before the throne of grace. **Hebrews 4:16.** We need God's help!

Start with Prayer! Find yourself a place every day to get alone with God. Remember **Matthew 6:6** "*But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet...*" It is when we are *by ourselves* seeking the Lord that we hear His still, small voice. Start with opening your heart to God. Allow Him to do an inspection of what is in your thoughts and feelings. **Psalm 139:23** says, "*Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts.*" Be honest with yourself, and honest with God. Ask God to search for any sins you may have buried in your heart. **Psalm 139:24** says, "*And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*" David, realizing he had sinned against God, asked for a cleansing. God wants us all very clean in our hearts! **Psalm 51:2** says, "*Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.*" Let God cleanse your life as you do the following three things: **1. Acknowledge** - admit the sins He reveals are there in your heart. **2. Confess** - admit that you have sinned before an all holy God. **3. Forsake** - leave each sin, abandoning everything that has separated you from God. Decide by God's power to quit doing the same sins that God reveals to you in your quiet time, and has already forgiven, and cleansed you from. Remember the Lord's promise - **1 John 1:9** "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Humble yourself. The Bible says in **Isaiah 57:15a**, "*For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit...*" We have a great need every day to humble ourselves as we prepare to walk with God. This means there must be a **personal brokenness** to cause us to always depend upon the Lord. God wants to fully "dwell" in our heart, but He will not force His way in, nor will He honour a sinful, wicked heart. Once your heart is clean, tell God you are coming under His perfect authority, and that you want to obey Him all day long. God desires to fellowship with you, but only with the right attitude!

Tell God what you need! Cast all your worries, cares, and every need upon Almighty God. He loves to answer our impossible prayers! He delights to have our strength renewed in our daily walk with Him. Believe God wants to give you a peace and strength far beyond what we are used to. So, pray about everything! Real men don't fight, get angry, frustrated, and defeated when things don't work out. Real men, pray and trust God to do for them every thing they themselves cannot do!

Read at least two chapters every day from Genesis to Revelation in your Bible!

Finally, Thank Him for His Blessings - Read and meditate on these verses. **Philp 4:6** "*Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*" **Col 4:2** "*Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.*" We have got a lot to be thankful for. Write some blessings on your heart and mind right now. Praise Him for His goodness to you!

Go now and have a great walk with the Lord... Every day

Personal Devotion – Thursday Morning

Standing in God's Presence

As a Christian you don't just wake up each day a spiritual person without some basic disciplines in your life. Neither did the prophet Elijah. When he comes on the scene in 1Kings 17 he already has a walk with God. Do you? How is your walk with God TODAY? Take a brief look at Elijah...

Elijah's walk with God was based on the same fundamental things that should be in our lives.

“And Elijah the Tishbite, ... said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I

*_____...
And Elijah said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I
_____...” 1st Kings 17:1; 18:15*

1. **Obedience!** 1Kings 17:2-5 – Vs. 5 “*So he went and _____ according unto the word of the LORD...*” 1Kings 17:9,10 Elijah is told to go to Zarephath. In verse 10 we read the following “*So he _____ and _____ to Zarephath.*” Elijah _____ God! Elijah had a habit of obeying God. Obedience is a good first step in your personal walk with God.
2. **Prayer!** Read James 5:17,18. Who was James referring to? _____ What was it that Elijah had a habit of doing? _____. Elijah prayed and it didn't rain for three years. He prayed again and it did rain. Elijah prayed a prayer of 63 words in 1 Kings 18 and fire came down from heaven. Evidently, Elijah was a praying man!
3. **LISTEN to your Bible!** 1Kings 19:12,13 “*...and after the fire a still, small _____.* *And it was so, when Elijah _____ it...*” Did you notice that Elijah heard from God! Are you reading and learning your Bible so as to HEAR from God? He speaks through the words on the pages of a Bible!
4. **Trust God every day, in every way!** Elijah had to constantly trust God.
 - a. He had to trust every day where? _____ (1 Kings 17:1-7)
 - b. He had to believe God with who? _____ (1 Kings 17:8-24)
 - c. He had to believe God when facing who? _____ (1 Kings 18)
 - d. And Elijah had to believe God for what? _____ (1 Kings 18:41-46)!
5. **Be a _____ of God!** (2Kings 1:6-15). Over and over we find these words about Elijah... Vs.9, 11, 13 “*... _____ of God...*” Do you consider yourself a man of God? Or just a man of the world? What do others see in you? Even Elijah's enemies saw him as a man of God. This world could really use some men to stand up in the power of God and be like Elijah – Men of God!

Some other important things to remember to be doing...

- Stay clean from the filth of the world – But, if you get dirty (and will to some extent) remember the **two** things to do in Proverbs 28:13; 1John 1:9
 - _____ sin
 - _____ the sin
 - And let God clean you up again!
- Remember you are not alone (1Kings 19:18). Others are walking the same path with you.
- Be fearless! Elijah like us all had his time of doubts, sense of being alone, and fearful. If Christian men feared only God, we wouldn't fear standing for Christ in this world.

Conclusion: God is calling men to make up their mind to walk in step with Him and not the world anymore. What is YOUR decision going to be? Will you make a decision during this Men's Camp Meeting (maybe right now?) to get right with God and walk with Him daily?

Session 2 – A Call to Return to Worship

Dan Eberly, Macrooom Bible Study

“And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand...”
1Kings 17:1

Session 3 – The Call to Trust Totally in the Lord

Declan Flanagan – Lighthouse Baptist Church, Swords

“Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.” 1Kings 17:3,4

Sermon Notes:

Session 4 – Facing the Giants

Pastor David O’Gorman – Lifegate Bible Baptist Church, Tallaght

“Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.” 1Kings 18:22

Sermon Notes:

Personal Devotion – Friday Morning

The Fruit of Personal Revival

You must have 2 attitudes for personal revival to happen:

1. A spirit of **humility** that puts God and others before self. (Read James 4:6,7; and Matt 22:36-40)
2. A contriteness towards personal **sin**, desiring to be forgiven and clean. (Read 1 John 1:9)

Read James 5:17. The Bible tells us that Elijah was “a man subject to like _____ as we are.” That simply means he was easily affected by the same worldly influences and the ways and weaknesses of his own heart just like we are.

“...I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.”

Isaiah 57:15

What is revival?

For the Christian – Revival is being restored to the way of living and thinking like you were the day you got saved. It brings you back to total submission to God, a total resolve, humbled, dependent on God again, thankful. It simply is a return to life from a state of apathy and death.



What Does Revival LOOK Like?

1. James 5:17 tell us Elijah prayed _____! Do you pray zealously and eagerly? Are you talking and listening to God every day? This will cause you to be a passionate follower of Jesus Christ. Do you desire for personal revival? **YES**, or **NO**?
2. **Elijah obeyed God** - 1Kings 17:5 So he went and _____ according unto the word of the LORD: My friend you never experience revival till Jesus Christ is Lord in your life. Let go of the other gods in your life; (friends, money, hobbies, YOU...) and give Jesus first place. Obedience is what we see in Elijah's life and ministry.
3. 1 Kings 18:30 Elijah prepared and rebuilt the _____. You have got to have a place (an altar) where you meet with God and worship. That place is where you spend time with God praying, and sacrificing every fear, and every effort for God's honour. Where is YOUR altar? _____.
4. Read 1Kings 17:3-6,9. Personal revival means _____ God. Trusting God is a sign that a man is being guided by the Spirit of God. To be led of the Spirit shows a person who is humbled, dependent and contrite of spirit. This is a person who is living by the life of the Spirit - and that is revival. Christian men yielding to the Spirit of God experience personal revival every day!

Why do YOU need personal revival?

Every day, you are choosing whether you will go against God or against the flow of the world. Read 1Kings 18:18,21. Are you like the Israelites? “...How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, _____: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.” Are you hesitant to make up your mind? If you want revival, you will have to choose to go against the right pressures! Which flow was Elijah going against? You will need a revival of heart and courage to go against today's culture.

Did Israel finally make the right choice? **YES**, or **NO**? Have you made the right choice? **YES**, or **NO**?

Session 5 – The Call to Revival

Pastor Craig Ledbetter – Bible Baptist Church, Ballincollig, Cork

“And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down.” 1Kings 18:30

Sermon Notes:

Session 6 – The Call to Battle Our SELF Most

Stuart Harvey – Riverside Baptist Church, Exeter, Devon, UK

“Elijah... wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?” 1Kings 19:13

Sermon Notes:

Session 7 – The Call to Pass on the Mantle

Layton Kelly – Reformer's Unanimous, Tallaght

“So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.” 1Kings 19:19

Sermon Notes:

Thoughts for Pop-Corn Preaching

What Has God taught you that you could briefly preach for the benefit of the other men at Men's Camp this year?

My Sermon Thoughts:

Session 8 – How I Want to Leave This World!

Philip Tharp – Dundalk

“And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.” 2Kings 2:11

Sermon Notes:

Final Review - A Time to Evaluate Your Heart

Questions to ponder and answer from this Camp's study of Elijah's life.

- What were Elijah's actual prayer requests that he made to God as recorded in Scripture? What did he pray for? And did God give him what he asked for?

- Why did God give Elijah clear answers to his prayers? _____

- Elijah stayed by a drying river brook all the way until it dried up. What is the hardest part of staying by a drying brook, especially when you know God told you to go there in the first place? _____

- Can you list three things in Elijah's heart that crippled him when Jezebel threatened to kill him? _____

- What are the carnal passions that Elijah had, that you also have? _____

- What is vital for a Christian to have before they attempt any public ministry for the Lord? A private, consistent walk with God in prayer.
- At what points in Elijah's life did he have to trust God to take care of him during impossible situations? _____

- What is an altar used for in the Bible? _____

- Are there altars in your life that have been unused for a long time that need to be rebuilt and used again? And what would they be? _____

- When might a Christian have to publically stand alone for God? _____

- What did God need to do to bring people back to Him in Elijah's day? _____

- What do you think God will have to do to bring people back to Him today? _____

- How did God let Elisha know that he was being called into the ministry? _____

- What did Elisha ask for when Elijah was leaving him? _____
- What was the main difference between Elijah and Obadiah? Elijah was willing to risk his life for God, while Obadiah lived in fear.
- Is the message of a man of God usually popular to the people he preaches to? _____
- Who lived and preached just like Elijah, later on, just before Jesus started preaching? _____

Prayer List

“Men ought always to pray, and not to faint” Luke 18:1

This list can be used every time we get together to pray, and should be added to as we learn of individual needs and requests.

Pray For the Lost (2 Peter 3:9) *“God is not willing that any should perish...”*

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Pray For Christian Growth (2 Peter 3:18) *“but grow in grace”*

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Pray For Special Needs (Health, and Family concerns)

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Pray For Your Church Needs

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Anything Else – list your own needs here

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