

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. How much is enough money?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Please read Genesis 22:1-14. What is the name that Abraham gives God?
 - What does this title mean to you? Have you experienced this God in your life?
 - Compare with this quote from Pastor Ruben, "God has a present love for you that sees you, but it extends into your future. God sees things you can't see, and He is preparing for needs that you don't know you will have."
3. Who was Elijah?
 - Where can you read about him in the Old Testament?
 - Where can you read about him in the New Testament?
4. Please read 1 Kings 16:29-34. How would you describe King Ahab?
5. God was going to turn Israel back to Him. He used a man named, Elijah, to do this. According to 1 Kings 17:1, what did God do? How does the character of Elijah compare with Ahab's?
 - Can you find two New Testament verses that relate to 1 Kings 17:1? What do those verses say?
6. Please read 1 Kings 17:2-6. What do you see in these verses about God? What does the "Kerith Brook" mean?
 - God used Ravens to provide for Elijah. Did you see that coming?
 - What does this say about how God provides?
 - Are you guilty of predetermining how God provides for you?
7. What does Philippians 4:19 mean to you?
 - What does it mean "according to the riches of His glory?"
 - What's the difference between "needs" and "wants?"
8. What was God preparing Elijah for?
 - Do you think Elijah knew his future battle?
 - Has it ever dawned on you that God is preparing you for a future battle?
9. What do you think of 1 Kings 17:7? Has God's provision for you ever dried up? Why do you think God allows this to happen?

10. What does God tell Elijah to do in 1 Kings 17:8-9? Compare with Luke 4:25. What is God teaching Elijah?
- How does this relate to God providing during a pandemic?
11. Please read 1 Kings 17:10-16. Share your thoughts.
12. What kind of man was Elijah according to James 5:17. Sometimes we glamorize people in the bible. We make them into superheroes. What kind of man is Elijah?
- Do you think you could have the same relationship with God, just like Elijah?
 - Do you think you could pray for no rain, and rain, just like Elijah?
 - Do you think God wants to do miracles through you, just like Elijah? Why or why not?

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- God has a present love for you that sees you today and into your future. God sees things you can't see, and He is preparing for needs that you don't know you will have.
- Stop telling God what He can't do!
 - Stop telling God what He can't do.
 - Stop telling God He can't change your circumstances.
 - Stop telling God He can't change your life.
 - Stop telling God He can't answer that prayer.
 - Stop telling God He can't change their heart.
 - Stop telling God He can't heal.
 - Stop telling God what He can't do in this pandemic.
 - God can do anything He wants!
- When a brook dries up, it just means God's plan is moving forward. Just because one brook dries up, it doesn't mean God is no longer faithful. God will provide.
- It pleases God when you help someone with their fear and doubt.
 - You don't know what fears they live with.
 - You don't know what they've been through.
- God wants to do a miracle through you.