

The Bible Study for the week of May 27th to June 2nd

Reminder: This Study is in two parts. The first part is the lesson that will be discussed on Tuesday at 10:30 am. The 2nd part is THE GO DEEPER section for anyone who has more time or wants more reflection. These studies are to inspire and motivate you; the time invested is completely up to each person.

INTRO: I have always loved the Bible's account of Elijah. He had an amazing ministry with the Lord; it was never easy or safe and yet, he stayed with God.....And gives us another great example of an active relationship.

PART ONE: Our Tuesday discussion, read 1 Kings 17. This chapter has a lot of great story-Famine & Ravens, Widow & Flour, and Son & life.

REFLECTIONS:

1. Check out God's provision for the famine. What would be your first impression of the plan?
2. Often a plan can have twists (we generally don't like these) and we have to adjust...How does Elijah respond? How do we?
3. When has God helped you and then it appears, "the brook has dried up" or "the flour is gone?" Are you able to see God still at work? What if you were the widow?
4. Do miracles happen today? Have you seen your faith rejuvenated?

PRAYER TIME: How can we, your church family, pray for you? Is there something in your life that needs more faith?

PART 2: GO DEEPER through the week...

Background to the Elijah's story--Read 1 Kings 16 and get a feel for the type of kings that were leading the people of Israel. King Ahab will be the one that Elijah must face. More than Elijah surviving, he had to interact with an evil king who had no interest in obeying God. By the way, 'What is the problem with worshipping other gods?' How do the idols/gods in our lives cause us troubles?

As you read about these few kings, think about God's patience and our tendency to choose the world's agenda rather than God's. I am not sure about future studies, but if you want more time in the Bible, do a quick look at all the subtitles in 1 Kings and make a list of the good vs evil kings. You may be surprised at your tally. Remember, God always had priests/prophets around regardless of the number of years that an evil king ruled. There was always Hope and a way out..... Blessings.