



## TALK IT OVER

### KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

#### Elijah: The Making of a Man of God

“The Call of God” - Ross Frisbie

1 Kings 17:1-7

#### DT - DOMINANT THOUGHT

How are you answering the call of God?

#### CONVO STARTER

Have you ever been in a slump or drought in an area of your life before?

How did you get out of it? What helps you get out of a funk like that?

#### CONSIDER THIS

- Called to confront.
- Called to prepare.
- Called to obey.

#### RESOURCES

- [Pikes Peak Christian Church](#)
- [Sermon Video](#)

### ACTION STEP

Read 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 (ESV) - “Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.” Join our Men’s Summer Study on Thursdays mornings in June and July reading, “Stand Firm and Act Like Men” by Joby Martin. First study is at 6:15am on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> in the Peak View room. Order the book now!

- “A deep spiritual drought had grown in the hearts of the people. The reason behind most spiritual droughts is a lack of leadership. This all started back in 1 Kings 11 with David’s son, Solomon. David was described as a man after God’s own heart, but Solomon had turned his eyes away from the Lord and towards too many other things.” - Ross Frisbie
- *Now King Solomon loved many foreign women.* - 1 Kings 11:1
- “God has called Elijah to confront Ahab with a drought because that would be a direct attack upon Baal. Remember when we were kids and we use to argue about how my dad could beat up your dad. That’s what Elijah is doing. My God is going to lay out your god.” - Ross Frisbie
- *Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.* - Galatians 6:1
- “God was preparing Elijah for the things he would face in the not so distant future. Is God calling you into a time of preparation? Sometimes we need to turn down the noise of the world so we can actually hear the voice of God.” - Ross Frisbie
- *My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.* - John 10:27
- “What does answering the call to obey get us? According to Jesus, life abundantly! Life abundant doesn’t always mean life is easy, but it does mean that you get to face life with God and God’s people; which I have always found to be abundant and fulfilling no matter what circumstances I’ve faced.” - Ross Frisbie
- *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.* - John 10:10 (ESV)

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**Read 1 Kings 16:29-17:1. Called to confront.** Ahab is the current king of the northern tribes of Israel. He is a weak, passive, and pathetic man who marries an overbearing woman named Jezebel that walks all over him. Ahab bowed down to Baal and other false gods as well as building a temple and altar to Baal. This led the whole nation astray by deifying sex and sacrificing children, which sounds eerily similar to our secular culture today. The spiritual drought of Israel has set in, and Elijah has been called by God to confront King Ahab for his sin and announce the coming of a physical drought. This plan by God is direct and to the point, it confronts the fake god they worship (Baal) and lets the people know who is actually in charge. Elijah is called by God to step into a sick time in Israel’s history, confront the sin that is rampant and point people back to God. **Where have you been passive in your life before allowing sin/others to influence your life away from the Lord? What might be God calling you to confront in your own life or the lives of those around you?**

**Read 1 Kings 17:2-5a. Called to prepare.** Elijah is commanded to “get alone” for a time, that is what the “hide” means in the Hebrew. This is not punishment but preparation. Sometimes what we perceive as punishment from God is actually just his preparation in our life for the next thing he might be calling us to confront. Elijah has so much to get prepared for in the coming chapters. The making of a man of God demands preparation for the tasks we are being called into. **Is God calling you into a time of preparation? What distractions do you need to tune out so you can hear the voice of God?**

**Read 1 Kings 17:5b-7. Called to obey.** God provided when Elijah obeyed. He got to drink from the brook and eat well, and life was really good. Answering the call to obey gets us life abundant, Jesus tells us in John 10:10. Life abundant does not always mean life is easy. Obeying God’s call in your life really shows in the ripple effects of the people around you. **Where are you seeing the abundance of life in God? What ripple effects from that life do you see around you?**