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Elijah #3

## Power in God's Call & Whisper!

- **King Ahab & Queen Jezebel** did great evil and provoked the **Lord God** to anger. They led Israel away from devoted worship of the **Almighty Living God** to false gods.
- **God** spoke through **Elijah** to confront Ahab, telling him of a coming severe drought.
- **God** provided for **Elijah** in desperate conditions through ravens and a widow in Sidon.

<sup>1</sup> After a long time, in the third year, the word of **the LORD** came to **Elijah**:  
"Go and present yourself to **Ahab**, and I will send rain on the land."<sup>2</sup> So Elijah went...  
Now the famine was severe in Samaria,<sup>3</sup> and **Ahab** had summoned **Obadiah**,  
his palace administrator. (Obadiah was a **devout believer in the LORD**.<sup>4</sup> While  
**Jezebel** was killing off the LORD's prophets, Obadiah had hidden one hundred prophets  
in two caves and had supplied them with food and water.)

<sup>7</sup> ... As **Obadiah** was walking along, Elijah met him. Obadiah recognized him,  
bowed down to the ground, and said, "Is it really you, my lord Elijah?"<sup>8</sup> "Yes," he replied.  
"Go tell your master, '**Elijah is here**.'"<sup>9</sup> "What have I done wrong," asked Obadiah,  
"that you are handing your servant over to **Ahab** to be **put to death**?"

<sup>12</sup> ...I don't know where the Spirit of the LORD may carry you when I leave you.  
**If I go and tell Ahab and he doesn't find you, he will kill me...**<sup>15</sup> Elijah said,  
"As the **LORD Almighty lives**, whom I serve, I will present myself to Ahab today."

<sup>16</sup> So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab went to meet Elijah. **1 Kings 18:1-15**

**God calls & empowers \_\_\_all kinds of people, all kinds of ways\_\_\_!**

**Answer your call \_\_\_to serve Him & others\_\_\_!**

<sup>17</sup> When **Ahab** saw Elijah, he said to him, "Is that you, **you troubler of Israel?**"  
<sup>18</sup> "I have not made trouble for Israel," Elijah replied. "But you and your father's family  
have. You have abandoned the LORD's commands and followed the Baals. <sup>19</sup> Now  
summon the people from all over Israel to **meet me on Mount Carmel**. And bring  
the 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table..."  
**1 Kings 18:17-42**

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<sup>8</sup> So Elijah, strengthened by the angel's food, traveled 40 days and 40 nights to  
**Mt. Horeb** (Sinai), the mountain of God. <sup>9</sup> He went into a cave and spent the night.  
And the word of the LORD came to him: "**What are you doing here, Elijah?**"

<sup>10</sup> He replied, "**I have been very zealous** for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites  
have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put to death your prophets.  
**I am the only one left**, and now they are trying to kill me too."

<sup>11</sup> The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the **presence of the LORD**,  
for **the LORD is about to pass by**. "Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains  
apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After  
the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.<sup>12</sup> After  
the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire  
**came a gentle whisper**.<sup>13</sup> When Elijah **heard it**, he pulled his cloak over his face  
and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, "**What are you doing here, Elijah?**"

**1 Kings 19:8-16**

**Listen for God's whisper \_\_\_to get you back on track\_\_\_!**

## Crossroads Church

*Discovering Life Connected with God!*

### Our Vision

To be a dynamic and diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ  
connected in transforming relationships with God, each other, and our world!

### Our Purpose and Mission

To connect people with God, God's family, and God's mission  
through a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!

### Our Strategy

To fulfill God's purpose in our lives through a balanced commitment  
to love God with our entire being and to love our neighbor as ourselves,  
according to God's Great Commandment and Great Commission in the Bible.

### Our Commitment

#### Growth

To speak and act more like Jesus Christ each day of our lives.  
To reach people disconnected from God with the love of Jesus.

#### Relationships

To develop depth, consistency, and closeness in our walk with Jesus.  
To share life and spiritual journey together with each other.

#### Relevance

To apply God's truths and principles to life in practical ways.  
To engage and meaningfully share Jesus with people.

#### Involvement

To participate in church family relationships and responsibilities.  
To discover and contribute our dynamic and diverse abilities.

#### Truth

To value Jesus Christ and the Bible as God's eternal revelation to us.  
To believe and center on Jesus Christ as forgiver and life leader.

## Let's Catch the Vision and Share the Mission Together!

"We are an autonomous, biblically-based church family that  
actively partners locally and internationally to fulfill our mission  
to connect people in transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!"