

## Going Deeper - Weekly Sermon Discussion Guide

1 Kings 17

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This week, we'll take a break from the letter of James and talk about something that God has put on Bill's heart for us to hear: How we choose to live in the moments God creates for us.

We all live life in a series of moments. What we need to remember is that no matter how small or large, how uncomfortable or joyful, each moment given to us is an opportunity to grow. In 1 Kings 17, we learn of Elijah, who lived from not having enough, to having just enough, to having more than enough. If you have not read this story, please do it now!

### **Elijah models three steps for us in our life:**

1. Radical Trust
2. Bold Declarations
3. Risky Obedience

Elijah's was to go and live by the brook Cherith, where he was completely dependent upon God to give him meat and bread via a raven, and water via the brook. After a while, the brook dried up. This moment could have caused Elijah to become fearful, uncomfortable, or worse, Elijah could have turned from God. Instead Elijah sought God before his provision.

In Zaraphath, Elijah told a widow that he was thirsty and asked her to give him water and food. She didn't have either. Both Elijah and the widow had a choice. They could live in uncertainty and fear, but Elijah chose a Bold Declaration instead. It was because of this bold declaration, this moment become miraculous. It awakened something in the widow and prepared her for Risky Obedience.

Her risky obedience drove out fear. Then, she was able to become a part of God's miracle. Her household (and Elijah) ate for many days even though she had very little flour and very little oil to begin with.

All of these moments were preparing Elijah for an amazing encounter next (in chapter 18.) But, without this preparation, he would not have been ready for what God had in store for him.

Moments are given to us to prepare us and strengthen us. How we respond has a direct impact on our future what we get to experience within the amazing destiny that God has arranged for us. We are the only limitation in our lives. Choose to live the way Elijah did and experience all the wonderful moments God has planned for you life.

1. Reflect back to any moments in your life that were uncomfortable, but prepared you for the next. What would you go back and tell yourself while in that uncomfortable moment?
2. What bold declarations do you need to release on your life and upon the world?
3. How will you remember to live with Radical Trust, Bold Declarations and Risky Obedience in all moments?

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