WEEK ONE

THE START OF A PROCESS

Everybody wants the Mount ______Carmel_____. We want the flashy display of God’s ______glory____ in our lives.

And yet in the shadow of these magnificent events is a ______process_____. There’s always a ______process_____.

We’ve got to ______be____ ______willing____ to go through the process.

Are you willing to do ______what____ ______Elijah____ ______did____ to get ______what____ ______Elijah____ ______got____?

First and Second Kings shows a time when idolatry was not just ______tolerated____, and not just ______celebrated____, but was actually legislated.

Elijah means: ______Yahweh____ is ______God____.

He didn’t just say Yahweh is God; he said ______Yahweh____ is ______my____ ______God____.

Then he said to King Ahab, Yahweh ______lives______.

Here’s how God was going to remind Ahab that He alone is alive: “There shall be neither ______dew____ nor rain these years, except by my ______word____.”

Not only was the drought a judgment against the people’s ______rebellion____, but it was also a specific indictment against the ______power____ of Baal.

We can have the courage to rise up in the ______spirit____ of Elijah, and to make sure we are God’s mouthpiece in this ______generation____.

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WEEK TWO

PREPARATION BY SEPARATION

THE PREPARATION PROCESS

1. God wants to __**separate**__ you.

Here’s how you know when God is beginning to __**prepare**__ you for the next season in your journey with Him. He calls you to __**release**__ your grasp on something, someone, or someplace.

Ask the Holy Spirit to spotlight any specific ways where God is asking you to __**go**__ __**away**__ from here, to get up and get out, to relocate and __**reposition**__ your life in some way.

2. God wants to __**sustain**__ you.

Give God the opportunity to show you what it’s like to be __**nourished**__ by God and God __**alone**__.

Open your eyes to see the water He has given you in that place where it’s __**uncomfortable**__ or might feel __**unfamiliar**__ to you.

3. God wants to __**surprise**__ you.

According to Ephesians 3:20-21, God does exceedingly, abundantly, above and beyond anything that you can __**ask**__ or __**think**__.

4. God wants to __**shield**__ you.

Elijah had no idea that while he was being obedient in __**separation**__, he was actually being __**shielded**__ from something he didn’t even know he was in danger of.

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WEEK THREE

DEALING WITH DEFICIENCY

Here in Zarephath, Elijah is going to be refined. He’s going to be purified. He’s going to be prepared for Mount Carmel.

Faith is trusting God enough to go to an uncomfortable, unfamiliar place, and interact with people that it’s unusual for us to interact with, so that God can use us to help inaugurate His move, both in our lives and their lives.

Elijah could never have known that by yielding to the unfamiliar, uncharted territory where Yahweh sent him that he was actually helping to tell the entire redemption story.

HOW TO DEAL WITH DEFICIENCY

The widow was hard-working. She was resourceful. She was willing.

1. Take authentic inventory.

Sometimes authenticity is the hinge upon which a miracle rests.

2. Do not fear.

More than three hundred times in Scripture we are told, “Do not fear” or “fear not.”

3. Go.

Maybe you’re at the stage where your faith needs to get a job—it needs to go to work.

4. Do what you said you would.

Those sticks you’re gathering are not useless. They’re the foundation for the fire that God fully intends to set in your life.
WEEK FOUR

DON’T DROP THE BALL

There’s a __bridge___ that sits right between Elijah’s time in Zarephath and his coming experience on Mount Carmel, and this link, this bridge, is __Obadiah__.

Stop downplaying the ____significance____ of your position. Stop undervaluing how critical and purposeful your current posture is. You are __necessary__, right where you are.

God’s hand is on you wherever He has __placed___ you, to be used for His purposes and His glory. Keep your spiritual eyes open, and don’t __drop____ __the___ ____ball____.

There’s something to be said, not only about being in a ___strategic___ position, but also about making an unwavering pledge, having a fierce ___protection____ of the things of God.

What are you ______actively________ doing to make sure you are ___preserving___ the _______truths________ of God in this generation?

Just in doing your job, that __mundane___ __assignment___ leads to a moment of ____divine____ ____destiny____.
WEEK FIVE

INVITING THE FIRE

HOW TO INVITE THE FIRE OF GOD

1. Be ______ intentional ______.

Elijah ______ repaired ______ the altar.

He ______ recalled ______ the promises of God’s ______ covenant ______.

He ______ renounced ______ the ______ idolatry ______ of Baal.

He ______ reinforced ______ his trust in God.

2. Step ______ forward ______.

Don’t only be intentional, but be ______ bold ______. Live the kind of life that steps forward, out and ______ away ______ from the crowd.

3. Never ______ underestimate ______ the power of a ______ simple ______ ______ prayer ______.

Prayer doesn’t ______ manipulate ______ God. Prayer just ______ unlocks ______ all the things He ______ planned ______ to do for us anyway.

After Elijah prayed that prayer, the sky ______ opened ______ ______, and God ______ rained ______ down ______ fire ______.

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WEEK SIX

DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

1. God said it; let’s ___proclaim___ it (1 Kings 18:41).

You don’t adapt to your ___surroundings___. As you live in light of God’s ___promises___, your surroundings need to begin to adapt to you, as you communicate God’s ___Word___ and His promises clearly.

It requires spiritual ___discernment__. It requires ___spiritual__ ___insight___, to be able to see the things that cannot be seen in the physical realm, to be able to hear the things you cannot hear unless the Holy Spirit heightened your spiritual ears.

2. God said it; let’s ___pray___ in ___alignment___ with it (1 Kings 18:42).

His promises are what ignite our prayer lives with an extra measure of ___confidence___ and ___assurance___ as we pray.

Base your prayers directly on the ___promises___ of God.

3. God said it; let’s ___look___ for it (1 Kings 18:43).

Be always ___aware___ of how what’s happening could be ___connected___ to what you’ve ___prayed___.

4. God said it; let’s ___actively___ ___prepare___ for it (1 Kings 18:44).

Faith is acting like it ___is___ ___so___, even when it’s ___not___ ___so___, so that it might ___be___ ___so___, simply because God ___said___ ___so___.

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WEEK SEVEN

FAITH, FAILURE, AND A FUTURE

God knew all these things, factored them all in, and still allows us to be utilized for His purposes.

Every time we see their failures, it should underscore the fact that we are looking for a Messiah, that we need somebody else to be our Savior.

He has always been and will always be the way, the truth, and the life.