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____.
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.
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.

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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 ____ up _____, 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 ______.

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