

Message Notes for 4-19-20
Becoming a Person of God
1 Kings 17

Sovereign = 1. Possessing _____ or ultimate _____!
2. Acting or done independently without outside _____!

1 Kings 16:30-33 (NIV) ³⁰ *Ahab son of Omri did more evil in the eyes of the LORD than any of those before him.*

³¹ *He not only considered it trivial to commit the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, but he also married Jezebel daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and began to serve Baal and worship him.*

³² *He set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal that he built in Samaria.* ³³ *Ahab also made an Asherah pole and did more to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger than did all the kings of Israel before him.*

- God said _____ is _____!
 - When God began to move he raised up a _____
 - God often raises up _____ person to make a _____ difference.

1 Kings 17:1 (NIV) ¹ *Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."*

Elijah = the _____ is my _____

- At this point, Elijah is identified by _____ he is _____.

1 Kings 17:2-3 (NIV) ² *Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: ³ "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan.*

- God put Elijah in a hiding place so God could do something more in _____.
- God needed to put Elijah in a place where he could _____
- It is as if the Lord said, there is so much more I need to do _____ you because there is so much more I need to do _____.

THERE ARE SEASONS OF PREPARATION

1. The season of _____

- Kerith - it means _____ or _____ down or _____ off.

2. The season of _____

1 Kings 17:4-6 (NIV) ⁴ *You will drink from the brook, and I have ordered the ravens to feed you there."*

⁵ *So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there.*

⁶ *The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.*

- "No matter what and for always, I will be _____.
You can _____ to provide for you!

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV) ⁵ *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.*

3. The season of unconditional _____

1 Kings 17:7-9 (NIV) ⁷ *Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. ⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to him: ⁹ "Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food."*

- the same God who gives us the water can also cause the water to _____ in order to give us the _____ to take a step of total obedience
- Zerephath– it means _____

1 Kings 17:10-14 (NIV) ¹⁰ So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?"

¹¹ As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread."

¹² "As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread--only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it--and die."

¹³ Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son.

¹⁴ For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land.'"

- Elijah was able to look at an impossible situation and speak _____ into it?

1 Kings 17:15-23 (NIV) ¹⁵ She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶ For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

¹⁷ Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. ¹⁸ She said to Elijah, "What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?"

¹⁹ "Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. ²⁰ Then he cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought tragedy also upon this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?" ²¹ Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this boy's life return to him!" ²² The LORD heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived. ²³ Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!"

- Elijah was known in verse 1 by _____ he was from.

Elijah is known in verse 24 by _____ he was from.

1 Kings 17:24 (NIV) ²⁴ Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth."