

Message Notes for 5-3-20
An Effective Prayer
1 Kings 18:41-46

James 5:16-18 (NIV) ¹⁶ ... *The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.*

¹⁷ *Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.*

¹⁸ *Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.*

James 5:17 *Elijah was a man* _____

_____ . . .
He prayed _____ *that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.*

1 Kings 18:41 *And Elijah said to Ahab, "Go, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain."*

• Elijah _____ something that _____
_____ heard.

• Elijah had heard _____

1 Kings 18:1 (NIV) ¹ *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."*

• Because Elijah had heard from God he _____ in

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

1. The first step to effective prayer is _____

James 1:6-7 *But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. [7] That man should not think he will receive*

anything from the Lord;

1 Kings 18:42 *So Ahab went off to eat and drink, but Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees.*

2. The second step to effective prayer is _____

A. Talk to God as _____

B. Talk to God as a _____

- Prayer is a matter of us getting in alignment with _____ desires and purposes!

3. The third step to effective prayer is _____

- Effective prayer is praying the _____ of God.

James 4:2 . . . *You do not have, because you* _____
_____ *God.*

Mark 10:51 *"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."*

Matthew 18:19 *"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.*

4. The fourth step to effective prayer is

1 Kings 18:43 *"Go and look toward the sea," he told his servant. And he went up and looked.*

"There is nothing there," he said.

Seven times Elijah said, "Go back."

- Elijah did not allow the _____

circumstances to affect his _____

Luke 18:1-8 *Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. [2] He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. [3] And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'*

[4] "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, [5] yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!'"

[6] And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. [7] And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? [8] I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

5. Effective prayer is _____

1 Kings 18:44 *The seventh time the servant reported, "A cloud as small as a man's hand is rising from the sea."*

So Elijah said, "Go and tell Ahab, 'Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.'"

James 5:16

... The prayer of a righteous man is _____

and _____.

Ephes. 3:20-21 *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, [21] to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

- God chooses to _____
- There are things that God wants to release into the dry and desert places of our lives – but that release is dependent

upon us being _____

Mark 11:24 *Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.*

1 Kings 18:45-46 *Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain came on and Ahab rode off to Jezreel. [46] The power of the Lord came upon Elijah and, tucking his cloak into his belt, he ran ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel.*

Isaiah 40:31 *but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.*

*They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.*

The _____ came upon

Elijah!

2 Chronicles 7:13-14 (NIV) ¹³ *"When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, ¹⁴ if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

James 5:16

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and _____.