

February 28 / Sunday

Who would pray for that?! For others to know God

Read [1 Kings 18:16-39](#)



01 / Mon – Backstory - part 1 | Read [1 Kings 16:29-33](#) and [17:1](#)

Ahab, king of Israel, made Baal worship the officially-sanctioned religion there. Since Baal was the god of fertility and had control over rain, the people believed the drought could only end at his will. They forgot the God who had delivered them from slavery, led them through the wilderness and provided for their needs. What are some 'droughts' in life that might tempt a person to seek help from illegitimate sources?

02 / Tue – Backstory - part 2 | Read [1 Kings 17:2-16](#)

When God told Elijah to declare a drought, did he wonder how God would provide food for him? Here are two unexpected ways Elijah's needs were met. Look for what the Lord God said and see how Elijah obeyed, even if the directions seemed strange. Is it possible that those experiences of depending on God for physical survival taught Elijah to recognize God's voice more quickly and revealed new aspects of God's character and faithfulness to him?

03 / Wed – The showdown | Read [1 Kings 18:1](#) and [16-39](#)

As you read the dramatic story of this man of God facing a powerful and wicked king along with 450 of Baal's prophets, notice Elijah's purpose in this demonstration (v. 21). After the false prophets had failed, Elijah prayed a simple prayer (v. 36-37). How interesting that Elijah did not ask the Lord to strike down the prophets of Baal nor punish the people for following them. Instead he wanted them to know the real God. Are you willing to take risks to see hearts turned toward God?

04 / Thu – Life changes a person | Read [Isaiah 43:2](#) / [1 Kings 18:37](#)

You can't tell what you don't know. Is it possible that Elijah's time alone by the brook helped him to understand how adversity can make someone doubt? Maybe that gave him confidence to pray such a bold prayer. Have the hard times in your life helped deepen your relationship with the Lord? What have you come to love so much about God that it makes you eager to share it with others?

05 / Fri – A witness tells what they have seen | Read [John 1:43-46](#) and [4:27-28](#)

Are there times, if you are honest, when God seems far away or difficult to understand? You may feel like you don't know him very well at all. That's okay. Every time that happens, remember Jesus. Look at his life, his words, his actions. When you 'see' him, you are looking at God. And the result of that? You *want* others to know him too, just like Philip and the woman at the well. Imagine what could happen when you ask God to help you 'see' him better.

06 / Sat – Start by praying | Read [John 6:44](#)

So why would someone pray for others to know the Lord? Shouldn't you just go out and start talking about him? Isn't that what the Great Commission is about...evangelism? Well, yes and no. The Lord knows how each person's heart and mind works. Your prayers for them allows God to show you the best ways to talk about his love for them. Prayer opens doors for others to speak to those same people through the Holy Spirit's wisdom as well. Who will you begin to pray for today?