

# Boot Camp

1 Kings 17:2-8



A Man Just like Us

# Worth Remembering

Standing in the gap for God

will require

preparation and pain



# Pain of Training

“No discipline seems pleasant at the time,  
but painful. Later on, however,  
it produces a harvest of righteousness  
and peace for those who have been  
trained by it.”

**Hebrew 12:11**



1.

# God delivers where God directs.

**“<sup>1</sup> 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.’ <sup>2</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah...”**

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**1 Kings 17:1-2**



# God Delivers where God Directs

“<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
And do not lean on your own understanding.

<sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
And He will make your paths straight.”

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

What does God  
want from us?

to trust HÍM





2.

God can give and  
withhold.

“<sup>4</sup> You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there....<sup>7</sup> Some time later **the brook dried up** because there had been no rain in the land.”

1 Kings 17:4, 7

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# God Can Give, God Can Withhold

“Naked I came from my mother’s womb,  
and naked I will depart.

The LORD gave and  
the LORD has taken away;  
may the name of the LORD be praised.”

**Job 1:21**

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3.

## God cares about our spiritual maturity.

“So, he **went and did** according to the word of the LORD, for **he went and lived** by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan.”

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**1 Kings 17:5**

# God Care About My Spiritual Maturity

“<sup>2</sup>Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,  
whenever you face trials of many kinds,  
<sup>3</sup>because you know that the testing of your faith  
produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup>Let perseverance finish its  
work so that you may be mature and complete,  
not lacking anything.”

**James 1:2-4**

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4.

God wants us to rely upon  
Him every day.

“ ... ”

1 Kings 17:4, 6

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5.

God's pleasure can be found in our hardships.

“ ... ”

1 Kings 17:7

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# God's Pleasure in Our Hardships

“<sup>14</sup>Yet Jerusalem says, ‘The LORD has deserted us; the Lord has forgotten us.’ <sup>15</sup>‘Never!

Can a mother forget her nursing child?

Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you! <sup>16</sup> **See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands.** Always in my mind is a picture of Jerusalem’s walls in ruins.”

**Isaiah 49:14-16**

What does God  
want from us?

to not  
ring the bell

