

# Advanced Training

**1 Kings 17:8-16**



**A Man Just like Us**

# Worth Remembering

Walking with Jesus well in this  
real and challenging world  
requires a strong faith which is  
only produced through  
testing and purifying



# Pleasing God Requires Faith

“And without faith it is impossible to please God,  
because anyone who comes to Him  
must believe that He exists and that  
He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.”

**Hebrews 11:6**

# Pleasing God Requires Faith

“<sup>12</sup>Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.”

**1 Peter 4:12-13**



# Testing the Quality of

“<sup>1</sup> Some years later **God decided to test Abraham**, so he spoke to him. Abraham answered, ‘Here I am, Lord.’

<sup>2</sup>The Lord said, ‘Go get Isaac, your only son, the one you dearly love! Take him to the land of Moriah, and I will show you a mountain where you must sacrifice him to me on the fires of an altar.’”

**Genesis 22:1-2**

# The Difference between a Test and Temptation

## **TEST**

means to be examined  
to prove the quality of



# The Difference between a Test and Temptation

**TEMPTATION**  
IS DESIGNED TO  
DESTROY US



# Designed to Destroy

“Be careful—watch out for attacks from  
Satan, your great enemy.

He prowls around like a hungry, roaring lion,  
looking for some victim to tear apart.”

**2 Peter 5:8**

# Testing to Prove the Quality

“<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**



1.

Will you trust me with  
your future?

“<sup>7</sup>Sometime later the **brook dried up** because there had been no rain in the land.  
<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him,  
<sup>9</sup>**Go** at once to Zarephath in the region of the Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there **to supply you** with food.”

**Four Test  
Questions God  
Asks Each of Us**

**1 Kings 17:7-9**

# Trusting God with My Future

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# Trusting God with My Future

- **God knows** where I am at
- **God has** prepared provisions for me
- **God has** a plan for where I am to go





2.

Will you obey my  
commands?

“<sup>10</sup>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 in a jars so I may have a drink? <sup>11</sup>As she was going to get it, he called ‘And bring me, please a piece of bread.’”

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**1 Kings 17:10-11**



3.

## Will you trust me for YOUR PROVISIONS?

“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 olive 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.””

**1 Kings 17:12**

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4.

**Will you obey me  
despite your feelings?**

“Elijah said to her, ‘Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son.’”

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**1 Kings 17:13**

# Worth Remembering

Our obedience

Precedes God's provision

