

# Courage in the Gap

**1 Kings 18:1-2, 17-40**



**A Man Just like Us**

# The Gap

The need located between  
God's expectations  
and our experiences





1.

Be decisive.

“Elijah went before the people and said,  
‘**How long will you waver between two opinions?** If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.’  
But the people said nothing.”

**1 Kings 18:21**

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# Caution to Consider

A divided allegiance is  
as wrong as open idolatry





2.

## Be audaciously honest.

“<sup>17</sup>When he saw Elijah, he said to him, ‘Is that you, **you troubler of Israel?**’ <sup>18</sup>‘I have not made trouble for Israel,’ Elijah replied. ‘But you and your father’s family have. You have abandoned the LORD’s commands and have followed the Baals.’”

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**1 Kings 18:17-18**

# The Reality of Courage

Confronting evil and the gap  
it creates will always  
cost us something!



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“<sup>10</sup> You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, <sup>11</sup>persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. <sup>12</sup>In fact, **everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.**”

**1 Timothy 3:10-12**



3.

Be willing to repair the broken .

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“Then Elijah said to all the people, ‘Come here to me.’ They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which had been torn down.””

**1 Kings 18:30**





4.

## Be willing to stand alone with God.

“<sup>19</sup>Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel’s table....

<sup>22</sup>Then Elijah said to them, ‘I am the only one of the LORD’s prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets.’”

**1 Kings 18:19, 22**

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“<sup>14</sup> Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then **choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve**, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Joshua 24:14-15

