



**Elijah and Elisha:
Faith, Power, and Miracles
And a tale of Ridiculous Faith**

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1 Kings 18 And Elijah said to Ahab, “Go up, eat and drink, for there is a sound of the rushing of rain.”⁴² So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Mount Carmel. And he bowed himself down on the earth and put his face between his knees. ⁴³ And he said to his servant, “Go up now, look toward the sea.” And he went up and looked and said, “There is nothing.” And he said, “Go again,” seven times. ⁴⁴ And at the seventh time he said, “Behold, a little cloud like a man's hand is rising from the sea.” And he said, “Go up, say to Ahab, ‘Prepare your chariot and go down, lest the rain stop you.’” ⁴⁵ And in a little while the heavens grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode and went to Jezreel. ⁴⁶ And the hand of the Lord was on Elijah, and he gathered up his garment and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.



3. Watch and Pray
1 Kings 18:41-46

1. A request

2. Be humble ([1 Kings 18:41-42](#))

--Our posture can be a sign of an inward reality

[“We must lay before Him what is in us; not what ought to be in us.”](#)

--C.S. Lewis

3. Be specific ([1 Kings 18:43-44](#))

--Specific prayer can be scary

--Specific prayer grows our faith

--Specific prayer can grow community

--Specific prayer can teach us about the character of God

“..One of the purposes for which God instituted prayer may have been to bear witness that the course of events is not governed like a state but created like a work of art to which every being makes a conscious contribution, and in which every being is both a means and an end.”

— C.S. Lewis

4. Be persistent (1 Kings 18:45-46)

--Persistent prayer shows us our own priorities

--Persistent prayer focuses us on the Kingdom

--Persistent prayer grows our relationship with God

“Sometimes I think ... I just prayed ... and God just listened to me ... and He just answered me. Is there anything more amazing, anything greater than that?” –Francis Chan