

**Next Steps:** Sometimes we are asked to speak up. Sometimes we are called to stand alone. Sometimes we are called to put our faith on the line. Elijah's life gives us an example of what it means to put complete trust in the One True God.

Read 1 Kings 18:16-21. Have you ever been in a situation where you were asked to make a choice between following God or following someone who is taking you away from your relationship with God? Whom did you follow? How does Elijah's question to the Israelites on Mt. Carmel inspire you to follow God?

Read Matthew 10:29-33. What does Jesus say about confessing your faith? What are the two outcomes?

Read Romans 10:9-11. What does Paul have to say about confessing your faith?

Read 1 Kings 18:22-40. Have you ever had a confrontation with people who promote belief systems that are opposed to faith in the One True God? Elijah had a dramatic confrontation, but ultimately put his faith in God's promises. How has Elijah's trust in God encouraged you to stand against what you see as bad or evil?

Read Proverbs 3:5-6. In whom should you trust?

Read 1 Kings 18:41-46. Elijah had one last thing to do. How many times did he pray and ask his servant to look for evidence of an answer to his prayer? How big was that answer?

Read Hebrews 11:1-6. Do you have this kind of faith? How is it evidenced in and through your life? Will you pray with faith that God would send a small cloud that would grow to darken the whole sky for the rains of revival in our land?

**Next Week:** We will wrap up the story of Elijah, an ordinary man called to an extraordinary job. You can prepare for the conclusion as we take a look at 1 Kings 19:1-18