

## God's Providence and My Confusion

### In this Series . . .

1. We are reminded that no matter how \_\_\_\_\_ we may be, there are still times of growing and \_\_\_\_\_ in our faith. (Even Biblical giants have \_\_\_\_\_!)  
*James 5:17* Elijah was a man just like us. . . .
2. We will learn that God has a \_\_\_\_\_, a response and a lesson for every situation that we face and that \_\_\_\_\_ is the key to our continued spiritual growth.



### The Scriptures

*1Kings 17:1* 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." 2 Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: 3 "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. 4 You will drink from the brook, and I have ordered the ravens to feed you there." 5 So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. 6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook. 7 Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. 8 Then the word of the LORD came to him: 9 "Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to

supply you with food." 10 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 water in a jar so I may have a drink?" 11 As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread." 12 "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 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."

### The Importance of Elijah the Prophet

He came out of \_\_\_\_\_ to speak to a \_\_\_\_\_. ( eli-jah)

He was part of some of the great \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

He is prophesied to "\_\_\_\_\_" as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christ.  
*Mal. 4:5* "See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes.

He spoke with \_\_\_\_\_ on the Mount of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Matt. 17:3* Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

### God's Providence

1. God sent Elijah to \_\_\_\_\_ to a \_\_\_\_\_!

*1Kings 17:1* Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, . . .

King Ahab's Story --

Jezebel the \_\_\_\_\_ of Ethbaal

*1Kings 16:31* He not only considered it trivial to commit the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, but he also married Jezebel daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and began to serve Baal and worship him.

2. God sent Elijah to \_\_\_\_\_ beside a \_\_\_\_\_.

*1Kings 17:3* "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. 4 You will drink from the brook, and I have ordered the ravens to feed you there." 5 So he did what the LORD had told him.

In a time of \_\_\_\_\_, the brook would provide \_\_\_\_\_.

In a time of \_\_\_\_\_, the ravens would \_\_\_\_\_ Elijah.

But, the brook \_\_\_\_\_!

3. God \_\_\_\_\_ Elijah to Zarephath of Sidon.

*1Kings 17:9* "Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food." 10 So he went to Zarephath. . . .

This place was the \_\_\_\_\_ of Baal \_\_\_\_\_ where Jezebel's \_\_\_\_\_ was king.

4. The woman, to whom God sent Elijah, was extremely \_\_\_\_\_ and had \_\_\_\_\_ for herself or for own son.

*1Kings 17:12* "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 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."

### My Lessons

1. Just because I don't \_\_\_\_\_ God's plan doesn't mean that there is \_\_\_\_\_ plan or that the plan is \_\_\_\_\_.

*Is. 55:8* "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. 9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

2. God doesn't command me to \_\_\_\_\_ but to \_\_\_\_\_!

*1Kings 17:5* So he did what the LORD had told him. . . .

*1Kings 17:10* So he went to Zarephath. . . .

