

THE POWER OF AN OBEDIENT LIFE:

Living by Faith
(1 Kings 17:17-24)

The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.
Exodus 20:21 (NIV)

I. The Victories of Faith

- A. 1 Kings 17:1 _____ !
- B. 1 Kings 17:2-6 _____ !
- C. 1 Kings 17:10-16 _____ !

II. The Test of Faith

Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing.
1 Kings 17:17 (NIV)

A. Why does God test our faith?

- 1. _____ .
- 2. _____ .

She said to Elijah, "What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin, and kill my son?"
1 Kings 17:18 (NIV)

B. Insights from Scripture

1. From the book of James

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.
James 1:2-3 (NIV)

2. From the Gospel of Mark

The disciples woke [Jesus] and said to him, "Don't you care if we drown?" . . . [Jesus] said to them, "Why are you so timid and fearful? How is it that you have no faith?" Mark 4:38, 40 (AMP)

III. The Resource that Will Help our Faith

"Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. Then he cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, have you brought tragedy also upon this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?" 1 Kings 17:19-20 (NIV)

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. James 1:5 (NIV)

The Biblical definition of Wisdom: _____

IV. The Triumph of Faith

Then [Elijah] stretched himself out on the boy three times, and cried to the Lord, "O Lord my God, let this boy's life return to him!" The Lord heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived. Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!"
1 Kings 17:21-23 (NIV)

Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord from your mouth is the truth."
1 Kings 17:24 (NIV)