

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

January 25

21 DAYS OF PRAYER ELIJAH'S CONTEST: THE MIDDLE PART

1 Kings 17:2-7 (NIV) "Then the Lord said to Elijah, 'Go east and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. The Kerith brook will give you fresh water to drink and I've commanded ravens to bring you food there every day.' So Elijah obeyed what the Lord said to do. He moved to the Kerith Ravine and lived there. The birds brought him food each morning and evening and he drank from the brook. But after a while the brook dried up, because there was no rain."

ELIJAH'S JOURNEY:

1. Kerith Ravine: The rut of obscurity.

- a. In Hebrew the name Kerith means cut off.
- b. God often uses private darkness in your life to prepare you for the public light later on.
- c. You don't know that God is all you need until God is all you've got.

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Reasons Why God Allows Brooks to Dry Up

- a. To keep me from depending on the brook.
- b. To move me to a better place.
 - We don't change when we see the light; we change when we feel the heat.
- c. To prove that he has not forgotten you.

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2. On the road: A time of insecurity.

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a. The path to a miracle is always through uncomfortable territory.

Miracles don't happen when things are comfortable. Miracles happen when things are uncomfortable.

b. The source of a miracle is always unexpected.

c. The pattern for a miracle is always CPR.

Command

Promise

Risk

3. Zarephath: The refinery of scarcity.

1 Kings 17:10-16 (NIV) "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 olive 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."

¹³ Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son."¹⁴ For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: "The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land."

¹⁵ She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family.¹⁶ For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

Four Things To Remember When You're In The Middle

1. God is all I need.

2. Where God guides, God provides.

3. I must trust him one day at a time.

Matthew 6:34 (NIV) "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV) "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

4. God's promises hinge on my obedience.

Philippians 4:19 (NIV) "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NIV) "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

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