



# GOD, YOU, & ME

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**Text:** 1 Kings 17:1–16

*“And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. 2 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, 3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. 4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there. 5 So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. 6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook. 7 And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land. 8 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, 9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee. 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. 11 And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. 12 And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. 13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. 14 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth. 15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. 16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.” (1 Kings 17:1-16)*

## INTRODUCTION

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*“But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, with men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.” (Matthew 19:26)*

### 1. A WORD OF \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2–6)

*“Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; 17 And then the LORD’s wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you.” (Deuteronomy 11:16–17)*

#### A. Go to \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3)

*“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. 17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.” (James 5:16–18)*

**Quote:** “It was necessary, after such a declaration to this wicked and idolatrous king, that he should immediately hide himself; as, on the first drought, Ahab would undoubtedly seek his life. But what a proof was this of the power of God, and the vanity of idols! As God’s prophet prayed, so there was rain or drought; and all the gods of Israel could not reverse it!”—**Adam Clarke**

#### SUSTAINED BY A BROOK

*“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” (Proverbs 3:5–6)*

#### SUSTAINED BY THE RAVENS

**Quote:** “The raven is the first bird named in the Bible (Genesis 8:7); it was an unclean bird, yet God used it to help His servant. While Elijah was enjoying bread, water, and meat in the place of God’s appointment, the 100 prophets hiding in the cave (18:4) had to settle for only bread and water.”—**Warren Wiersbe**

**Quote:** “Where God guides, He provides!”

- B. Go to \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7-9)

A WIDOW WOMAN

*“The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow.” (Psalm 146:9)*

A SUSTAINING MOMENT

*“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55:8-9)*

## 2. A WORK OF \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 10-15)

- A. Elijah’s \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 10a)

**Quote:** “A faith that cannot be tested, cannot be trusted.”

IN HUMILITY

*“Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.” (Psalm 37:5)*

*“Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.” (Psalm 62:8)*

*“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. 4 Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.” (Isaiah 26:3-4)*

**Quote:** “God is too good to be unkind and He is too wise to be mistaken. And when we cannot trace His hand, we must trust His heart.”—**C.H. Spurgeon**

- B. The Woman’s \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 12)

**Quote:** “Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.”—**Warren Wiersbe**

SHE HAD LIMITED RESOURCES

*“And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals. 16 But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat. 17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. 18 He said, Bring them hither to me. 19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. 20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.” (Matthew 14:15-20)*

SHE HEARD ELIJAH’S ASSURANCE

### 3. A WAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 16)

A. God \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 16a)

BARREL WASTED NOT

*“And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: 44 For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.” (Mark 12:43-44)*

**Quote:** “Believing God exists is not the same as trusting the God Who exists.”—**Randy Alcorn**

THE NEED WAS MET

*“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)*

B. God \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 16)

THROUGH MULTIPLICATION

*“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.” (Luke 6:38)*

THROUGH BLESSINGS

*“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.” (Malachi 3:10)*



*“For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.”  
(2 Corinthians 8:9)*

### **3 TAKEAWAYS**

1. God’s Promises are Trustworthy
2. Both Elijah and the widow had to trust God
3. When we give to the Lord first, He will meet our needs



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