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PRAYER

With your power, help us to teach others to follow Christ today. Help us to be an encouragement to others. To love others, to care for others. To serve others. Help us to glorify you with our words. With our actions.

God, in all the different ways we know your word has called us to live, help us today to do according to it. By your grace in us, oh God, we can't obey you in and of ourselves. With our own power and our own strength, we are prone to not do according to your word, so God we pray for your grace through your spirit. Through the power of Christ in us, we pray that you would help us to obey your word today. May it be said at the end of today, at the end of tomorrow, that we went and did according to your word.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

David Platt - Hearing and Doing the Word

OPENING QUESTION (OPTIONAL)

If you were to switch occupations right now to take whatever occupation you could, what occupation would you take and why? What may be the reasons why you haven't done this?

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 directed the ravens to supply you with food 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 And after a while the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land. 8 Then the word of the Lord came to him, 9 "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." 11 And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." 12 And she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." 13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.'" 15 And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. 16 The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

[1 Kings 17](#)

Don't underestimate what God wants to do in and through your life. In and through your family, in and through your work, in and through your church. As you go and do according to His word. Not just hear it but do it.

Think James chapter 1. "Do not merely be hearers of the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

God, may it be so in our lives. God, help us to be obedient to your word. May this verse, 1 Kings 17:5 be the summary of our lives. Today, just focusing on today, help us to go and do according to your word. What we know is in your word and what we learn from your word, what we see in your word, help us to do it. Help us to obey you today. We know your word calls us to walk in purity, to walk in holiness today. Help us to do it.

God, we know your word tells us your spirit has empowered us to proclaim the gospel today. You've commissioned us, Jesus, to make disciples. Help us to do that today. Help us to proclaim the Gospel today.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

((NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE))

1. On a scale from 1 to 10 (1 being never and 10 being always), how would you rate your capacity to change direction in life? Why would you rate yourself this way?
2. Do you trust God as the source of provision for your life? If yes, how? If no, why not?
3. 1 Kings 17:5 says: "So he did what the Lord had told him." Do you find this hard to do, when things may not seem to make sense in your limited understanding?
4. Why does God take Elijah into the wilderness and provide for him using ravens? Why do you think he blesses Elijah through a widow and her son?
5. What does it say of the faith of the widow to obey Elijah herself? How does this speak of her own possible relationship with God?
6. Would you choose today to trust Jesus as the LORD of your life - ruling in all things, including and especially in our finances? Will you enable him to have all authority as the one who calls the shots in your life? Would you like to enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus? Ask your lifegroup leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to be the master of my life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Saviour. I declare that I am Yours, and You are mine, In Jesus name, AMEN.