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A MAN LIKE US
A MAN OF PRAYER

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Elijah Was a Man Like Us

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God Uses Ordinary People

Acts 4:13 (NIV)  "When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."
• Elijah Was Subject To The Same Emotions And Weaknesses As Any Other Man

• He Was A “Righteous Man”
  • He Was Obedient To God
  • He Trusted In God
  • He Believed In Him
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• Elijah Was Called “A Man Of God”

• It’s Not About Position Or Title -- It’s About Character

• What Set Him Apart Was His Character And His Passion
• Elijah Prayed And It Did Not Rain

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• 3 ½ Years Is A Long Time To Have No Rain!
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- **Prayer -- Elijah Prayed**
  - The Prayer Of A Person In Right Relationship With God Is Truly Powerful

- **Half-Hearted Prayer Is Self-Defeating**
  - (James 1:6-8 NIV) But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. (7) That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; (8) he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.
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• Earnest Or Fervent Prayer Is Effective

• The Prayer Of A Man Whose Heart Is Right With God Works Wonders
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• Elijah Prayed Again And It Rained

• The Result Of This Powerful Effective Praying By Elijah Was…

Rain!
Rain Falling Is A Symbol Of:

- God’s Word  
  Is. 55:10, 11

- Spiritual Blessing  
  Ps. 72:6

- Righteousness  
  Hos. 10:12
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• (Job 5:10 NKJV) He gives rain on the earth, And sends waters on the fields.

• (Ps 147:7–8 NKJV) Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; Sing praises on the harp to our God, (8) Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who prepares rain for the earth, Who makes grass to grow on the mountains.
• Heaven Gave The Rain – Earth Bore The Fruit

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• Our Prayers May Be Heard Just As Elijah’s Were!