It’s Not Over Until God Says It’s Over

How God Can Supply In Desperate Times

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God’s Abundant Supply:

- God Feeds Elijah In A Time Of Drought
- The Brook Dries Up
  But It Is Not The End Of God’s Supply
- God Leads Elijah To A Widow In Zarephath
(1 Kings 17:17-20 NIV) Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. (18) 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?" (19) "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. (20) 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 17:21-24 NIV) Then he 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!" (22) The LORD heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived. (23) 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!" (24) 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."
Our **Greatest Victories** May Be Followed By Our **Greatest Challenges**
‘Plenty-Full’ To ‘Plenty-Empty’

- Her Son Becomes Ill
- He Grows Worse And Worse
- He Dies
Desperate Times Can Be Powerful Times For God To Speak Into Our Lives
- Elijah Takes The Dead Son To The Upper Room
- He Goes To God In Prayer
- Three Times He Prays: “O Lord My God, Let This Boys Life Return To Him”
- The Boy’s Life Returns
- God’s *Resurrection Power* Portrayed
- *It’s Not Over Until God Says It’s Over*
Lessons From The Widow:

- In Desperate Times **We Must Look To See What God Through That Situation Reveals**

- Desperate Times **Cause Us To Examine Ourselves**

- Desperate Times **Will Either Make Us Bitter Or Make Us Better**
Lessons From Elijah:

- In Desperate Times **Direct Your Focus, Attention, & Prayers To God**

- In Desperate Times **Don’t Respond To The Blame Game**
Lessons From Elijah:

- In Desperate Times **Stay Away From The Nay Sayers, The Negative The Embittered**

- In Desperate Times **Take The Matter To God In A Spirit Of Persistent Prayer**

- (Mat 7:7 NIV) "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."
Lessons From Elijah:

- In Desperate Times *God Will Meet Our Pain With His Power*

- *Desperate Times Can Be Great Teaching Times*
Lessons From God:

- God Protects
- God Provides
- (Mat 6:31-33 NIV) So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' (32) For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. (33) But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
- God Is Powerful
5 Power Points: “It’s Not Over Until God Says It’s Over”

1. Lean On God Totally
2. Latch On To God’s Character
3. Leave Behind The Idols
4. Love The Grace Of Our God
5. Live In Resurrection Power
Reasons To Hope

- God’s *Character*

- God’s *Grace*

- God’s *Resurrection Power*