LESSONS OF GOD’S SUPPLY

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- The Setting: Unsurpassed Evil
- The Passage: (1 Kings 16:29-34)
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AHAB WAS A TERRIBLE KING

- He considered sin trivial
- He led people into evil
- He did more evil than any before him
- He married Jezebel
- He served and worshipped Baal
Go *WHERE* God Says Go

- **Elijah Was Given A Platform By God To Refute The False Ways And The False Religion Of Ahab**

- **Read 1 Kings 17:1-16**

- **We Must Go Where God Says Go**

- **Elijah Declares A Drought**
Go Where God Says Go

**Drought Is:**

- An Extended Period Without Water
- The Removal Of Blessing
- The Life Of Lack
- Drought If Not Stopped Leads To Famine
Go Where God Says Go

• Drought is often the result of sin
• Drought comes into the lives of those who consider sin trivial
• (Gal 6:7-8) “Man reaps what he sows”
• God knows how to bring the righteous through
Go WHERE God Says Go

- **Elijah Directed By God – Go To Kerith**
- **Kerith Means “Separated”**
- **In Times Of Drought God May Lead Us To That Place Where He Draws Us Apart --**
  - To Stretch Us
  - To Challenge Us
  - To Develop Us
Go *WHERE* God Says Go

• **GOD KNOWS THE PLACE OF SUPPLY**

• **GOD WHO KNOWS HOW TO KEEP TOGETHER THOSE WHO ARE MINISTERING ACCORDING TO HIS PLAN**

• *(1 Ki 17:7 NIV)* Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land.
Go *WHERE* God Says Go

- **A DRIED UP BROOK -- DOESN’T MEAN GOD’S SUPPLY HAS DRIED UP**
- **GOD HAS SOMETHING NEW GOING ON**
- **WE MUST DECIDE TO GO WITH GOD**
• **GOD PREPARES A WIDOW**

**WHY DID GOD CHOOSE THIS WIDOW?**

1. *It was a time of teaching in her life*
2. *She was the one willing to give*
3. *So that God alone would get the glory*
4. *To show that God controls the rain*
5. *To teach God's provision in all circumstances*
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• GIVING TRIGGERS GOD’S MIRACULOUS SUPPLY

• THIS WOMAN HAD THE NEED OF HER LIFE MET BECAUSE SHE HAD A HEART OF GIVING

• “GIVE AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN UNTO YOU.”

• WHEN YOU GIVE YOU STEP INTO GOD’S ECONOMY
• **ELIJAH COMES REQUESTING A GIFT**

• (1 Ki 17:10-11 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?"
**Go: Where God Provides**

- **Elijah’s Requests Escalate**

- **A Jar Of Water >>>> A Piece Of Bread**

- “She has no excess to share, so she will have to give Elijah that which was for her and her son.”
**THE WIDOW’S RESPONSE**

(1 Ki 17:12 NIV) "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 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."
Go: WHERE GOD PROVIDES

- When things are at their worst we can expect God’s best
- The man of God has a word for her in desperate times
- She must “Go Where God Provides”
- “Fear Not” & “Do Not Be Afraid”
- God’s answer for fear: Step ahead in faith
**GO: WHERE GOD PROVIDES**

- **PRIMING THE PUMP -- GOING WHERE GOD IS GOING TO PROVIDE**

- (1 Ki 17:15-16 NIV) 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.
Go: Where God Provides

- Stepping Out -- Going Where God Has Provided -- Being Rewarded
- Will Christ Really Give Me Hope?
- Will Christ Really Take Away My Fears?
- The Answer Is Yes
- As Long As The Drought Lasted
  God Provided For Her Needs
Go: WHERE GOD PROVIDES

- God’s Supply Meets The Need
- We Must Go Where God Provides
Go: WHERE GOD PROVIDES

• **God's Supply Is Always Equal To Or Greater Than Your Need**
  • *If Sick = His Supply Is Health*
  • *If Broke = His Supply Is Wealth*
  • *If Lost = His Supply Is Direction*
GO: WHERE GOD PROVIDES

• (Phil 4:19 NIV) And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus

• **ALL MEANS ALL!**
  – ANY NEED
  – ALL MANNER OF NEEDS
  – WHATEVER THE NEED
GO: WHERE GOD PROVIDES

• (2 Pet 1:3 NIV) His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

• GOD MAY USE UNEXPECTED SOURCES FOR YOUR SUPPLY

• A DRIED UP BROOK DOES NOT MEAN A DRIED UP SUPPLY
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I. **Go Where God Says Go**
   - Be faithful where God has planted you
   - Be faithful when it is plentiful and when it is dry

II. **Go When God Says Go**
    - God will let you know when it is time to go
    - God tell you to go when and where it does not make sense

III. **Go Where God Provides**
    - God will never lead without provision
    - God will lead to places that may challenge you
    - God will always provide the impossible
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• In all occasions of life God always provides

• God’s answers are always more than enough

• God will supply!