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The Setting: Unsurpassed Evil

Read: 1 Kings 16:29-34  ...  (30) Ahab son of Omri did more evil in the eyes of the LORD than any of those before him. (31) He not only considered it trivial to commit the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, but he also married Jezebel daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and began to serve Baal and worship him.
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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
He Made An Asherah Pole
He Broke God’s Commands Continually
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In Order To Be Delivered In The Time Of Drought We Must Go Where God Says Go

(1 Ki 17:1 NIV) Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."

Elijah Declares A Drought
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**DROUGHT IS:**

- An Extended Period Without Water
- The Removal Of Blessing
- The Life Of Lack
- Drought If Not Stopped Leads To Famine
Drought Is Often The Result Of Sin

*Drought Comes to The Lives Of Those Who Consider Sin Trivial*

(Gal 6:7-8) “Man Reaps What He Sows”
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There Is An Abundant Supply In The Time Of Drought For God’s People

We Find It When We Go Where God Says Go

(1 Ki 17:2-6 NIV) 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 ordered the ravens to feed you 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.
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Kerith Means “Separated”

In Times Of Drought God May Lead Us To That Place Where He Draws Us Apart – Separates Us --

◦ To Stretch Us
◦ To Challenge Us
◦ To Develop Us
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God Always Has A Never-Ending Supply

Even When The Brook Dries Up

(1 Ki 17:7 NIV) Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land.
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A Dried-up Brook Doesn’t Mean God’s Supply Has Dried Up

God Has A Back Up Supply That No One Else Knows

(1 Ki 17:8-9 NIV) Then the word of the LORD came to him:
(9) "Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have
commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food."

When One Door Closes Another Opens
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There Are No Boundaries On God’s Power, Ability, Provisions

The Safest Place In The World Is Where God Has Told You To Be

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God Prepares A Widow To Provide For Elijah

(1 Ki 17:9-10 NIV) (9) "Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food." (10) 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?"

We Go When God Says Go We Must “Go At Once”
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God Makes Up The Difference Between What We Have To Offer And What He Asks Of Us

There Is No Lack In God’s Economy

God Wants Us To Use What We Have -- In Order To Get Us To The Next Level Of His Supply
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God Is A Difference Maker

*The Center Of His Will  = The Center Of His Supply*

*She Was Out Of Food -- Yet She Was Commanded By The Lord To Provide For Elijah -- And She Did*
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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.”
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When You Give -- You Step Into God’s Economy

Giving Presses The Lever That Opens The Storeroom Of God’s Supply

The Key Action That Gets It All Going -- Is Giving
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God’s Economy Functions In Our Lives When We Give Something Away

2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV)  Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

Give Freely  --  Give Selflessly
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Luke 6:38 (NIV) Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

1. Giving Opens The Storehouse Of God’s Supply

2. God Returns The Initial Gift With An Overflow Return

3. The Size Of The Return Depends On The Size Of The Gift
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1. Don’t Be Like Ahab and Jezebel – Rebels w/ no Cause
2. Be Like Elijah - Hear from God and Declare Truth
3. Be Like the Widow - Be a Giver - Trust God & His Plan