



Rely on God!

1 Kings 17:8-16

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We all want to do things our way. But when trouble comes, the only solution is to yield control of our lives and situations to God. Yet, despite the trouble, we find it very difficult to fully rely on God. Foolishly, we still want to run things our way.

In the passage, Elijah, the prophet, was in serious trouble. He was out of food and water. He was in danger from King Ahab and his wicked wife, Jezebel. But Elijah did not try to go it on his own strength. He fully relied on God!

Are you dealing with trouble? If you are going to have the help of God and the peace of God for your troubles, you must fully and completely rely of God too.

From the example of Elijah and a widow from Zarephath, we learn **five areas** of our lives that are must be surrendered to God:

- 1. Rely on God regardless of where He sends you** (verses 8-9)

- 2. Rely on God regardless of to whom He sends you** (verse 10a)

- 3. Rely on God regardless of what He tells you to say** (verses 10b-12)

- 4. Rely on God regardless of the risks you must take** (verses 13-14)

- 5. Rely on God regardless of what He does** (verses 15-16)

Your Response:

1. Why is it so hard for humans to fully rely on God? What prevents you from completely surrendering of everything to God?
2. What part of your life are you yet unyielded to God? What things in your life need to be surrendered to God?
3. Look over the five areas that were covered in this message. Which of them do you think is your greatest challenge? What would it take for you to trust God in these areas?
4. What are the lessons that you take away from this message?
5. As you look at this story, what are the blessings and benefits of relying on God?
6. What is the one truth that God told you in this message that He wants you to do?

Resources:

Trusting God by Jerry Bridges

When God Doesn't Make Sense by James C. Dobson

Absolute Surrender by Andrew Murray

The Life of Elijah by A. W. Pink

New International Biblical Commentary: 1 & 2 Kings by Iain W. Provan

Elijah: A Man of Heroism and Humility by Charles R. Swindoll