



**COME WITH ME**

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## 1 Kings 17:1 - 3 (KJV)

And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, "As the Lord God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word." And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, "Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and **HIDE THYSELF** by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan."

## 1 Kings 18:1 (KJV)

"And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year, saying, 'Go, **SHOW THYSELF** unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.'"

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- **Go Hide Yourself**
- **Go Show Yourself**

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## 'Holiness'

### Song of Songs 2:8 - 10

"The voice of my beloved! Behold, he comes leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Behold, he stands behind our wall; he is looking through the windows, gazing through the lattice. My beloved spoke, and said to me: **'Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.'**"

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## 'Holiness'

**Mark 6:30 - 32 (NIV)**

"The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to Him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, He said to them, "**COME WITH ME** by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

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- **Elijah = 'My God is Yahweh'**
- **Baal = 'lord, husband'**
- **Root word: 'to marry'**

**Baal is a false Christ, Christ is the True Husband to Gods people.**

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# 1. Hide Yourself

- **Brook - 'nachal'**
  - Flows from a fountain; from rain and snow on the mountain.
  - A torrent, 'an outpouring'
- **Cherith - 'cutting'**
  - Speaking of covenant
- **'which is before' or 'that flows from'**
  - 'Paniym' = Presence.
- **Jordan - Descender**

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# 1. Hide Yourself

**J.I. Packer, in his book, 'Knowing God'**

"Balance is the most horrible, self-conscious word to the genuine Christian. The question is, can we say, simply, honestly, not because we feel that as Christians we ought to, but because it is a plain matter of fact, that we have known God, and that because we have known God the unpleasantness we have had, or the pleasantness we have not had through being Christians, does not matter to us. If we really knew God, this is what we would be saying."

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# 1. Hide Yourself

## 1 Kings 17:4 - 7

“‘And it will be *that* you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.’ So he went and did according to the word of the Lord, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook. And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.”

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# 1. Hide Yourself

## Lessons at the Brook:

- Routine.
- To abide.
- WHO our husband is.
- We are Gods possession.

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# 1 Kings 17:7

“And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.”

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# 1 Kings 17:8 - 10

“Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ‘Arise, go to **Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there.** See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.’ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, ‘Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink.’”

**Zaraphath = Refinery**

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# 2. Refine Yourself

“...Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon...”

- **Zarephath** - 'refinery'
- **Sidon** - 'hunting; as in catching fish'

Sidon was the stronghold of baal, ruled by King Ethbaal (of baal) who was Jezebels father.

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# 2. Refine Yourself

## Lessons in Zarephath:

- Overcoming the world
- Breaking the boxes

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## 1 Kings 17:11 -13

And as she was going to get *it*, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." So she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I *am* gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." And Elijah said to her, "**Do not fear**; go *and* do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring *it* to me; and afterward make *some* for yourself and your son.

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# 2. Refine Yourself

## 1 Kings 17:14 - 16

For thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.' So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for *many* days. The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke by Elijah.

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## Lessons in Zarephath:

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- Partnering with God

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## 1 Kings 17:17 - 18

Now it happened after these things *that* the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him. So she said to Elijah, "What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?"

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## 1 Kings 17:19 - 22

And he said to her, "Give me your son." So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed. **Then he cried out to the Lord** and said, "O Lord my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?" And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him." **Then the Lord heard** the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived.

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# 2. Refine Yourself

## 1 Kings 17:23 - 24

And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives!"

Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you *are* a man of God, *and* that the word of the Lord **in your mouth** *is* the truth."

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- Breaking the boxes
- Partnering with God
- Fielding accusation (*high privilege - John 15:18 - 23*)

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## Lessons in Zarephath:

- Overcoming the world
- Breaking the boxes
- Partnering with God
- Fielding accusation (*high privilege - John 15:18 - 23*)
- Overcoming the enemy

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# 3. Show Yourself

## 1 Kings 18:1

And it came pass after many days that the word of the Lord came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, "Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the earth."

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- **Hide Yourself (Encounter)**

'I will send ravens' - in private. For one person.

- **Refine Yourself (Equip)**

'I will send a widow' - in process. For a few people.

- **Show Yourself (Engage)**

'I will send rain' - in public. For multitudes.

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