

Lessons on Living with Conviction!

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Series: 1 Kings – Lessons from the Journey

“And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” Joshua 24:15 ESV

Conviction : I Own God’s Working in Me is a Process

“Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.” 1 Kings 17:1 ESV

Conviction : I Am a Person Committed to the Lord

“so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.” Hebrews 6:12 ESV

“After many days the word of the LORD came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, “Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain upon the earth.” 1 Kings 18:1 ESV

“Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth.” James 5:17 ESV

Conviction : I Continue My Ministry for the Lord

“For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.” Colossians 1:29 ESV

“So Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. Now the famine was severe in Samaria.” 1 Kings 18:2 ESV

“And Ahab called Obadiah, who was over the household... And Ahab said to Obadiah, “Go through the land to all the springs of water and to all the valleys. Perhaps we may find grass and save the horses and mules alive, and not lose some of the animals.” So they divided the land between them to pass through it. Ahab went in one direction by himself, and Obadiah went in another direction by himself.” 1 Kings 18:3a, 5–6 ESV

“And as Obadiah was on the way, behold, Elijah met him. And Obadiah recognized him and fell on his face and said, “Is it you, my lord Elijah?”” 1 Kings 18:7 ESV

“As the LORD your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my lord has not sent to seek you. And when they would say, ‘He is not here,’ he would take an oath of the kingdom or nation, that they had not found you.” 1 Kings 18:10 ESV

“And he answered him, “It is I. Go, tell your lord, ‘Behold, Elijah is here.’ ” And he said, “How have I sinned, that you would give your servant into the hand of Ahab, to kill me?” 1 Kings 18:8-9 ESV

“And as soon as I have gone from you, the Spirit of the LORD will carry you I know not where. And so, when I come and tell Ahab and he cannot find you, he will kill me, ...” 1 Kings 18:12a ESV

Conviction: I Choose to Obey the Lord rather than Compromise my Faith

“And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” Luke 9:23 ESV

“And Ahab called Obadiah, who was over the household. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly,” 1 Kings 18:3 ESV

“although I your servant have feared the LORD from my youth.” 1 Kings 18:12b ESV

“(Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly, and when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, Obadiah took a hundred prophets and hid them by fifties in a cave and fed them with bread and water.)” 1 Kings 18:3–4 ESV

“And he said, “How have I sinned, that you would give your servant into the hand of Ahab, to kill me? As the LORD your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my lord has not sent to seek you. And when they would say, ‘He is not here,’ he would take an oath of the kingdom or nation, that they had not found you. And now you say, ‘Go, tell your lord, “Behold, Elijah is here.” ’And as soon as I have gone from you, the Spirit of the LORD will carry you I know not where. And so, when I come and tell Ahab and he cannot find you, he will kill me, although I your servant have feared the LORD from my youth. Has it not been told my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of the LORD, how I hid a hundred men of the LORD’s prophets by fifties in a cave and fed them with bread and water?” 1 Kings 18:9-13 ESV

“And now you say, ‘Go, tell your lord, “Behold, Elijah is here” ’; and he will kill me.”” 1 Kings 18:9-14 ESV

“For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.” James 1:7–8 ESV

Conviction: I Am Willing to Face Opposition for the Lord if Necessary

“When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, “Is it you, you troubler of Israel?”” 1 Kings 18:17 ESV

“And he answered, “I have not troubled Israel, but you have, and your father’s house, because you have abandoned the commandments of the LORD and followed the Baals.” 1 Kings 18:18 ESV

“Now therefore send and gather all Israel to me at Mount Carmel, and the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel’s table.”” 1 Kings 18:19 ESV

Am I A Person of Conviction?

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