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**An Unusual Answer To A Dangerous Prayer**

1 Kings 17:1-16

**Key Truth:** Sometimes God’s answer to our prayer comes in a package we were not expecting.

**Elijah’s Prayer:**

1. Elijah’s prayer was motivated by his zeal for God’s glory.

2. Elijah’s prayer was rooted in God’s word.

3. Elijah’s prayer was followed up with a bold

 proclamation.

**God’s School Of Faith:**

1. Our prayers usually come with answers and

 instructions.

 A. Oftentimes those instructions challenge our faith.

2. Elijah had to depend totally on God to sustain him in a

 famine.

 A. Elijah learned that God is faithful even in a famine.

 B. He was a prophet learning how to walk in humility.

 1. His resources came from two unlikely sources.

**The Widow Of Zarephath Learned Some Valuable Lessons:**

1. God can be trusted with our resources.

2. God’s word can be trusted.

3. God’s provision leads us to deeper faith and trust in Him.

4. Our faith must always rise above our fear.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls**: Remain obedient to God, so that your faith and generosity will reveal His power in your lives.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

What are some necessities God provides for us every day that we might overlook?

Why is it dangerous to become self-dependent in difficult circumstances?

READ 1 KINGS 17:15-16: How do these verses illustrate that faith must be active, not passive? What are some ways God provides for us that require us to have active obedience?

READ 1 KINGS 17:17-24: How did God test Elijah’s faith? What can we learn from Elijah’s response?

What did the widow learn as God worked through Elijah? What word of advice would you give new Christians who are struggling to trust in God’s provision?

READ 2 Kings 5:8-14: How did Naaman’s response to Elisha’s direction show he needed to be humbled.

READ JOHN 11:17-37: Do you think Martha’s first words to Jesus conveyed disappointment, criticism, or recognition of a fact? Have you ever been disappointed in Jesus answer to your prayer?

How has God provided for you through others? How has God provided for others through you?