Elijah and Elisha: Pastor Rick Baker

Daring Dudes in Dark Days May 23 2021

**FOUNDATIONAL CONVICTIONS**

1 Kings 17

God regularly uses you to be the answer to your own prayer or grants you the assignment your prayer initiates!

God’s Word is an ultimatum, never a conciliatory negotiation, or cultural compromise, and His prophets are tasked with simply delivering it.

*3 convictions necessary to be daring in dark and difficult days...*

1. You must be convinced of the *reality of God* (17:1)

*“as the LORD, the God of Israel* ***lives****...”*

*Lots of great human feats surround us—what really grabs attention is evidence in your life of Divine reality. What about your life makes you certain God is alive?*

1. You must be convinced you *represent the Lord* (17:1)

*“before Whom I stand* ***appointed****...”*

*“If God is your problem, only God is your solution.” (Tony Evans)*

*“Moral microbes are eating the heart out of society and the vast majority of those who know better are taking a pass.” (Howard Hendricks) Are you on purpose on God’s mission? (2 Chron. 15:1f; 16:9)*

1. You must be convinced of the *resourcefulness of the Lord* to provide all you need for all He wants to do through you (17:1-24)

*“there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.”*

*“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” (Jas. 5:16)*

Nothing special about Elijah; a lot special about the God he talked to!

*“Elijah was a man just like us.” (Jas. 5:17-18)*

We want to live on what we have; God wants us to live on Who we need.

If you ask to be like Christ, you will probably sit beside your share of drying brooks (Heb. 5:8)

Faith, not in the provisions, but in the Provider.

*What do you do with the Word of the LORD? “So, he did/went...” (5,10)*