

Elijah – A Man Like Us 1 Kings 17 – 22; 2 Kings 1 – 2:9; James 5:13-18 #1 in the series *Elijah*—A Man Like Us Pastor Lyle L. Wahl July 10, 2022

Elijah — a man like us?

- 1. Confronted the king. (1 Kings 17:1; 18:16-20, 41-42; 21:17-24)
- Effective prayer—no rain / rain. (1 Kings 17:1; 18:41-46; James 5:13-18)
- 3. Fed by ravens. (1 Kings 17:2-7)
- The replenishing flour and oil. (1 Kings 17:8-16)
- More effective prayer—a boy raised back to life. (1 Kings 17:17-24)
- 6. Defeated the prophets of Baal. (1 Kings 18:1-40)
- Taken directly to heaven without dying. (2 Kings 2:1-12)

Elijah — a man like us!

- 1. Rejected and attacked because he stood with God. (1 Kings 17:1-3, 9; 18:7-15, 17; 19:1-4; 21:20)
- 2. Believing, but anxious. (1 Kings 18:41-46)
- Believing, but fearful and discouraged. (1 Kings 19:1-4)

Us — people like Elijah?

- 1. Faith. (1 Kings 17:1, 3, 9-10, 13-14, 22-24)
- 2. Obedience.

(1 Kings 17:1, 5, 10; 18:1 cf. 7-15)

- 3. Prayer. (1 Kings 17:1, 17-22; 18:41-46; 5:13-18)
- 4. Courage.

(1 Kings 17:1; 18:1-46)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Elijah is a favorite Bible hero who filled a very important role. Refresh you view of him by reading 1 Kings 17:1 – 19:8 (yes, *the whole thing*). Record insights and questions that come to mind. Remember, as James tells us, Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, he was just like us, he was as human as we are.

Tuesday. Review the seven points under "Elijah — A Man Like Us?" God in His grace worked dramatically and even miraculously through and for Elijah. Scripture does not explain why. What do these great works say about Elijah, God and you? What do they not say about Elijah, God and you?

Wednesday. Review the three points under "Elijah—A Man Like Us!" Elijah experienced the same kind of things we do.

- He was rejected and attacked because he stood with God.
- He believed, but was anxious.
- He believed, but was fearful and discouraged.

He had a nature like ours, was just like us. What does all of this tell you about how you see yourself and the things you are facing today?

Thursday. Elijah was a man like us. Are we people like Elijah? That is, are we grounded in faith, steadfast in obedience, trusting in prayer, standing for God and His truth with courage? As you review these four qualities (check the outline), do a status check of where you are at in them today.

Friday–Saturday. Sunday we plan to look at *effective prayer* through Elijah. Read 1 Kings 17:1, 17-24; 18:41-46 and James 5:13-18 to help you prepare for our time together.