

COURAGE TO SHOW UP

1 Kings 18:1-16

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SERMON APPLICATION REVIEW

How did you care for a grieving believer in a godly manner (17:18-19)?

When did you pray a prayer of faith for God's glory (17:20-21)?

How did God's Word speak life to you (17:17-24)?

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 18:1-16; 1 Kings 8:35; 16:31-33; Colossians 3:22-24; Luke 17:7-10;
Matthew 21:28-31; Deuteronomy 28:1-4, 12; Romans 1:28-32

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. When has God asked you to take a risky or inconvenient step of obedience (18:1-2a)? What step might He be calling you to take this week?
2. How do you live out your faith at work or in your community, especially when others don't share your beliefs (18:3-6)? When have you felt pressure to stay silent or compromise your values? How did you respond—with grace and courage, or hesitation? How might your integrity and kindness help others become curious about your faith?
3. How do you respond when following God threatens your comfort, safety, or reputation (18:7-8)? What fears keep you from full obedience? Where has God placed you to be faithful in a spiritually difficult or morally challenging environment?
4. What fears dominate your spiritual life right now (18:9-14)? How do you balance wisdom with bold faith?

What would trusting God's sovereignty look like in a situation that feels beyond your control? Who in your life needs to see courage modeled in uncertain times?

5. How does remembering God's faithfulness give you courage to act (18:15)? What steps can you take to move from hesitation to confident trust? Who can you encourage or strengthen in faith this week?

RECOMMENDED READING

Timothy Keller, *Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God's Work* (Penguin, 2014)

Natasha Crain, *Faithfully Different: Regaining Biblical Clarity in a Secular Culture* (Harvest House, 2022)

Natasha Crain, *When Culture Hates You: Persevering for the Common Good as Christians in a Hostile Public Square* (Harvest House, 2025)

Os Guinness, *Impossible People: Christian Courage and the Struggle for the Soul of Civilization* (InterVarsity, 2016)