



WEEK 2 DEVOTIONAL

THE TISHBITE | Daring to Live for the True God

RECEIVE

Slowly. Prayerfully, read and/or listen to **1 Kings 17:1-6**, two times. Before and after each reading, pray asking the Spirit of Christ to guide you into knowing and living what you are receiving from the Scriptures. Consider, what does God want you to reflect on and learn from?

REFLECT

1. Share or journal about a time in your life you trusted something or thought something to be steady and sure but it turned out to be hollow, empty and let you down. What are different ways we do that in our lives?
2. Getting to know Elijah. Explore the following passages and match them to the statements below and add your own summaries of what you discovered about this very unique Prophet of God.

1 Chronicles 8:27 | 2 Kings 2 | Matthew 17:1–13 | Matthew 16:14
Romans 11:2 | James 5:17

- A timeless model of courage, obedience and perseverance.
- One of the top-two Old Testament prophets.
- Most mentioned prophet in the New Testament.
- Inaugurates the great era of biblical prophets.
- Only human being to be taken up to heaven before he dies.

- A member of Jesus' "small group" at the Transfiguration.
- So influential that people wondered if John the Baptist or Jesus are Elijah reincarnated.
- Subject to the troubles that trouble us.

RESPOND

1. Elijah's convictions: Drawn from our key passage, how can these three convictions shape your own life to ensure you are solid and not hollow:
 - God lives: What spiritual practices can we engage in to ground us in this reality?
 - I am His servant: How do you arrange your life to discover how God has gifted you to serve in His Kingdom? Share practical ways you can serve God today. Walk through a normal day, start to finish, and be as plain and practical as possible in imagining ways you can serve God in the everyday moments of your life.
 - There are life-draining consequences to worshipping (giving the throne to) anything less than God: Where in your life is this happening? What spiritual practices highlight these areas and then help ensure not to return to them?

RESOURCES

As we start this new series it's often helpful to know the context and a little background about the Book as it can help inform our understanding of the stories shared. Take a few minutes and watch this overview of the [Book of Kings by the Bible Project](#)

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 17:1–6 | New International Version

Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.”² Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah: ³“Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there.”⁵ So he did what the Lord had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. ⁶The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.