

Series: STORIES WORTH TELLING

Title: Elijah Meets the God of the Impossible

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Take a minute to read this week's Story Worth Telling in 1 Kings 17:8-27.

Kip's Big idea: Your obedience plus God's faithfulness = a miracle.

1. We know from verses 8-9 that God had arranged to help Elijah when he arrived in the city. When you take on a new task or a new role, or move to a new city, do you approach it knowing God will provide, or just wishing he would? *What's something new you're facing now that needs some God-sized help?*
2. Elijah was bold with King Ahab and Queen Jezebel, 1 Kings 18. He was bold here with the widow asking for her last bit of food; and then in asking God why the boy had died on his watch. What's one area in your life that could use some boldness?
3. Why do you think God lets us get to the end our proverbial rope before he helps?
4. Strong faith requires a look in the rear-view mirror. One of the ways Kip "looks in the rear-view mirror" is to write these stories down in his journal. Who in the group does that, how do you do it and how does it help to do it.
5. Take a minute and recall at time when God kept flour in your jar: he came through for you and share that story with your group.
6. In this story both the widow and Elijah were very direct in complaining to God. God doesn't seem to mind that. How blunt with God are you?
7. Elijah's prayers for the by were not answered the first or the second time he prayed. For that we consider him the icon of someone who never gives up praying for miracles. See James 5:16-17. Is there someone or something you've not given up on in prayer? If so, who are you praying for what you're praying for, will "come to life".
8. What's the most desperate prayer you've ever prayed?