

...and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembly together...but encouraging one another.
Heb 10:24-25

Share the teaching
Guard the sharing

Male Call

July 30, 2010—The Jesus Way—Elijah the Prophet—I

6:00 – 6:05	Coffee & Donuts—Opening Prayer
6:05 – 7:00	<p>“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.” —Jesus (John 14:6)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Ways of Jesus <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Abraham—A faith life b) Jacob—A man who wrestled with God c) Joseph—From slave to ruler d) Moses—God’s friend, a man with a purpose e) David—man after God’s own heart f) Elijah—his name means “My God is Yahweh” 2) Elijah the Tishbite <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Another character story of extremes – Faith and Fear b) The rout of Baal at Mt. Carmel and the “still small voice” for a defeated prophet 3) Elijah’s Story <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Bible <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) In contrast to the story of Moses – the first five books of the Bible, Elijah’s life story takes up only 6 chapters and 9 stories (1 Kings 17-19, 21 and 2 Kings 1-2) <p>Elijah lived in the northern kingdom of Israel during the ninth century B.C. during the reign of Ahab and Jezebel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elijah the Tishbite is first mentioned in 1 Kings 17:1 as delivering a message from the Lord to King 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." • After completing the message to Ahab, Elijah went, according to God's direction, to "the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook." (1 Kings 17:5-6) • When the prophesied drought dried up the brook, God sent him to live with a widow in Zarephath of Sidon, where he remained for over two years. During his time there, he miraculously provided a food supply during the famine, and raised her son, who had died from an illness (1 Kings 17:7-24). The time was apparently used by Elijah to study and prepare for his mission. • During the third year of the drought, The Lord sent Elijah back to appear before

	<p>Ahab. The series of events that followed ended with a confrontation on Mount Carmel between Elijah and hundreds of pagan prophets of Baal and Asherah. The supernatural demonstration of the powers of the True God against the powerless frauds led the people to abandon their idolatry and turn back to The Lord (1 Kings 18:1-40). The end of the punishing drought then immediately came (1 Kings 18:41-46).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After Jezebel discovered that all of her beloved pagan priests of Baal had been killed in the confrontation with Elijah, she attempted to have him killed (1 Kings 19:1-13). Elijah fled south to Beersheba where he hid in despair (1 Kings 19:3-5). An Angel appeared to him twice for strength, and brought him food (1 Kings 19:5-8). He then journeyed for 40 days to Horeb, where God Himself appeared to him (1 Kings 19:9-18). The Lord then sent Elijah back north to Damascus to anoint Hazael king over Syria, and Jehu king over Israel (1 Kings 19:15-18). It was during that journey that Elijah found and commissioned his successor, Elisha, as directed by God (1 Kings 19:16-21). • Elijah was transported away on a "chariot of fire" (2 Kings 2:11). Elisha was then promoted from being Elijah's assistant, to Elijah's successor (2 Kings 2:15). • Elijah was a type of John The Baptist, in manner and appearance. John was the Elijah that "must first come" (Matthew 11:11, 14), the forerunner of The Savior as prophesied by Malachi (Malachi 4:5). • Elijah appeared with Moses in the transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-13). • James spoke of Elijah as an example of the power of prayer (James (5:17)). <p>5) Character study from 1 Kings 18:20-46 and 19:1-18</p> <p>6) The Transfiguration – Matthew 17:1-13, Mark 9:2-8, Luke 9:28-36</p>
7:00	Closing Prayer
7:00 – ??	If you would like prayer, please come up front and one or more of us will remain to pray with you.

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