

...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

August 6, 2010—The Jesus Way—Elijah the Prophet—II

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 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Appears in the story out of nowhere—1Kings 17:1 3) Elijah’s Faith: Used by God to... <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Deliver a threatening message—1Kings 18:20-21 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Why did he declare himself the lone prophet?—18: 13, 22 b) Took on Baal’s prophets, 450 to 1—18:23-40 c) Brought the 3 year drought to an end—17:1; 18:1; 41-45 d) Races back to town...expecting what?—18:46 4) Elijah’s Doubt <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Scared of the king’s wife Jezebel—19:1-4 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Why did he run? Perhaps a clue in his answer to God’s first question... <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Was he recalling God’s previous method of protecting him?—17:3 b) God took him deep into the wilderness—19:5-8 c) God met him in the wilderness <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) God’s first question—19:9 ii) Elijah’s answer—19:10 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) What was Elijah’s measure of success? (2) What was his condition for continuing his zeal for God? iii) God’s response to Elijah—19:11-12 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Strong wind, earthquake, fire, then “...a brief sound of silence” <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Why this response to Elijah? (b) What does it mean for us?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv) Again, God’s question—19:13 v) Elijah’s response—19:14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) What do we make of this response? <p>5) Epilogue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) God instructs Elijah to anoint his replacement—19:16 b) God continues to use Elijah—21:17-19, 28-29 c) God is still Elijah’s man—2Kings 1:1-16 d) God takes Elijah up in a whirlwind—2:11 <p>6) The Transfiguration – Matthew 17:1-13, Mark 9:2-8, Luke 9:28-36</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Moses and Elijah...The Lord passed by both men at Horeb, the mount of God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Exodus 34:6; 1Kings 19:11 b) What do you make of the Jesus way in each of these men?
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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