

††† SERMON NOTES †††

I Kings 17:8-16

TRUST GOD'S PLAN - AND HIS PROCESS

INTRO. James 5:17 (NIV) – “Elijah was a man just like us.”

LESSON: God is just as interested in _____ – in single moms – as He is in His prophets. Your status doesn't matter to Him – your _____ matters to Him!

The name Zarephath means "smelting furnace, or refining". It refers to the furnace into which metal is placed so that it can be heated up and have any impurities removed.

I. God will give you the “next step” when you _____ it -- not before.

Keep your eyes on God who controls the circumstances, NOT the circumstances!

Romans 4:19 – “(Abraham) did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God...”

II. The next step may be out of our _____ zone.

A. God's calls often make demands that are difficult to understand.

LESSON: God honors those who _____.

B. Learn to trust Him – _____.

(The lesson from last week. Trust _____, not the brook!

LESSON: When we give what we have to God, He can do miracles with it!

III. Our obedience qualifies us both to receive and to BE a _____.

In other words:

I. God has a _____

1. Even when you don't _____ it

2. Even when you don't understand it I Kings 17:11-12

3. Even when you've _____ I Kings 17:12

II. God has a _____

Gods process will always involve:

1. Overcoming _____ I Kings 17:13

2. _____ I Kings 17:15

God's promises often hinge on our obedience.

Our obedience affects the lives of _____.

