



Read the powerful story of Elijah's bold obedience and prayer

1 Kings 18:1-39

Our example today is Elijah. The Lord sent Elijah to Ahab and he wasn't afraid to obey. He had Ahab summon all Israel and the 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Asherah. In the presence of those gathered, including hundreds of false prophets and a wicked king who hated him, Elijah boldly called the people of Israel to make a choice... "How much longer will you waver, hobbling between two opinions? **If the Lord is God then follow him!** But if Baal be god then follow him." 1 Kings 18:21 (NLT) Elijah knew he served the One True God and wasn't afraid to be bold in his proclamation of that truth. He wasn't concerned that Baal would overshadow God. He knew that God was more powerful than any other.

We should note, Elijah didn't just decide to make himself the center of attention and put God to the test, he was taking a bold step of obedience as God had instructed. God told him to go see Ahab, and Elijah replied, "... O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, prove today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant. **Prove that I have done all of this at your command.** O Lord, answer me! **Answer me so these people will know that you, O Lord, are God and that you have brought them back to yourself.**" Then scripture tells us, "And when all the people saw it, they fell face down on the ground and cried out, **'The Lord – he is God! Yes, the Lord is God!'**"

Prayer Focus:

- **Pray for boldness to evangelize** and call people to make a choice to serve The One True God.
- **Pray for boldness to speak the truth** even in the presence of those who don't believe, who may hate you for your faith.
- **Pray for God to increase your faith and trust in Him;** pray for a constant awareness that "... the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world," John 4:4 (NLT)
- **Pray for boldness to step out** when God calls you to; and for discernment to hear His voice.