

- But the provision generally comes _____ the obedience.

4. _____ (17:17-18)

- The widow was down to her last meal, but God extended her food for “_____ days.”
- Now that her son was dead, she _____ Elijah; in essence, she blamed God.
- Have you ever felt wronged by God? Or someone representing God in your life?
 - Maybe you felt you deserved _____.

5. _____ (17:22)

- The biblical definition of grace is the undeserved _____ of God. This was shown through salvation and also in the blessings God chooses to shower us with.
- _____ is getting what we don't deserve, while _____ is not getting what we do deserve.
- Though the widow chose to wrongly charge Elijah, God chose to extend His grace yet again.
 - God's grace shines through our _____.
 - God's grace shines through our _____.
 - God's grace shines through in time of _____.

There is never a trial or a drought which God can't use!

LESSONS FROM A DROUGHT

MIDWEEK SERVICE | THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Text: **1 Kings 17:8-24**

- What is your mindset concerning trials? What is your current mindset concerning these uncertain times?
- The definition of *uncertain* is **not able to be relied on; not known or definite**.
- Does God have purpose in trials?

1 Peter 5:10 *But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have **suffered a while**, make you **perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you**.*

The Background of 1 Kings 17

- Ahab was the King of Israel during this time.
 - The Bible says “he did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.”
 - Ahab married the Zidonian princess named Jezebel, who was very wicked in her own right.
 - This wicked couple further turned the Israelites toward the false god Baal.
- God used Elijah to tell King Ahab that there would be a **drought** in the land as a result of their idol worship.
- God then sent Elijah to the brook Cherith to hide from Ahab for fear Ahab would seek to kill him.
- God then instructs Elijah to go to Zarephath in Zidon where a widow would continue to care for him.
- Elijah soon learns that the very widow that was to sustain him is in a dire situation herself. The widow and her son had run out of food and were down to their last meal.

Lessons We Can Learn from a Drought

1. _____ (17:3, 9, 15-16)

- God knew Elijah was in danger, and He wanted to take _____ of him.
- God also knew the widow and son were in their last days, and He wanted to _____ them.
- God has always been a God of compassion, and that hasn't changed.
 - It is comforting to know that God not only sees our hurt, but also has a _____ to heal our hurt.
- God ended up using two people that were both in _____, to help each other.
 - Sometimes we feel _____ in our abilities to help others.
 - But God can use us no matter where we are at and what we are going through!
 - The answer to Elijah's problem was to help the widow in need.
 - The answer to the widow's problem was to help the prophet in need.

2. _____ (17:15)

- Even in her time of need, the widow was willing to _____ God.
- Trials can be an opportunity for _____ or _____, you choose.
 - Many wicked, and selfish people are taking opportunity of this Covid-19 situation to take advantage of people in need.
 - Politicians are taking advantage of this situation as an opportunity to push their agendas.

- The Devil too, is taking opportunity of this time to get us out of _____.
- As Christians, we should utilize this trial as an opportunity of _____.

- Don't allow your trials to be used as an _____ to be selfish and not help others.
- We must understand that it is always right to do right, regardless the _____.

3. _____ (17:5, 10, 15)

- Elijah needed _____ in going to the brook Cherith.
- Elijah needed _____ in going to Zarephath to be fed by a widow woman.
- The widow also needed _____ to feed Elijah first.
- Fulfilling God's will and purpose requires _____.

Hebrews 11:6 *But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.*

- Unfortunately, we often try to be a Christian by applying as _____ faith as possible.
- This is because faith is _____.
- God's will sometimes involve things that don't seem _____ or make sense.
 - The widow was down to her last meal, yet she was asked by Elijah to give it up
 - Has God ever asked you to do something that seemed " _____ "?

Luke 1:37 *For with God nothing shall be impossible.*

- God's will requires us to take our eyes off of our _____ and focus on His _____.
 - Remember, where God guides, He _____.