## The Battle For Revival

# 1 Kings 16.29-17:1

The Church must learn to FOCUS on our <u>Personal Relationship</u> with Christ, NOT <u>Religion</u> or Duty to God.

<u>THREE WAYS</u> Elijah GOT OUT of his <u>Comfort</u> Zone & ENTERED into the <u>Battle</u> Zone.

If WE will <u>Follow</u> Elijah's example, maybe we can <u>Enjoy</u> Revival here at Bethel & <u>Make</u> a Difference in our community for God's Glory.

### 1. ELIJAH MADE A PROFESSION. (17:1a)

- HOW did small-town Elijah get an Audience with the king of Israel?
- Elijah was a <u>Man</u> of God, with a <u>Message</u> from God, on a <u>Mission</u> with God, who went in the <u>Might</u> of God.
- <u>Don't Expect</u> God to <u>PROVE</u> His power in your life when you're <u>UNWILLING</u> to <u>Follow</u> His Will for your life.
- We need to be <u>Professing</u> the <u>Truth</u> that God <u>Changes</u> & <u>Blesses</u> our lives <u>TODAY</u>, <u>NOT</u> just <u>AFTER</u> this life.

#### 2. ELIJAH TOOK A POSITION (17:1b)

- If we have NO <u>Burden</u> for the things of God then we will <u>NOT Serve God!</u>
- Let's <u>PRAY</u> that we will have a <u>Burden</u> for the <u>LOST</u>.
- Elijah <u>Left</u> his Comfortable Life for One Reason... He had a <u>BURDEN</u> for God.
- THE BEST ABILITY IS **AVAILABILITY**. (Matthew 16:24)
- Like Elijah, we must take the POSITION of a Servant who will take a STAND for God.

#### 3. ELIJAH SPOKE A PRAYER (17:1c)

- Elijah put his *LIFE* & his *FAITH* on the line. (James 5:17)
- Elijah's Willingness & Courage to confront Ahab was a <u>By-Product</u> of his <u>Prayer Life</u>.
- Elijah was <u>Praying</u> that everyone would become as <u>Uncomfortable Physically</u> as he was <u>Spiritually</u>.
- The <u>Enemy</u> wants US to <u>Focus</u> <u>Squarely</u> on <u>SELF</u>.
- It's not necessarily <u>How Much</u> Faith we have, it's How Much of <u>Our Faith</u> we're placing <u>IN God</u>...Do you <u>Trust</u> Him Today?