

“But Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid! Go ahead and do just what you’ve said, but make a little bread for me first. Then use what’s left to prepare a meal for yourself and your son.” 1 Kings 17:13 NLT

[lectio] // 1 KINGS 17:8-16

listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

[meditatio]

reflect on – what word, words, phrase, or sentence speaks to you from the text, then write them down

So absolutely counter-intuitive! God says things to engage obedience OVER common sense. This verse is awful, IF you don't read what God told Elijah to begin with. He also instructed the widow to do something very difficult, "feed the prophet!" Elijah knew this going into the situation, but many times both parties are unaware that God already spoke to them about an individual obedience. God puts us in situations where obedience is really hard and we do not know what's around the corner, and have no idea how things are going to turn out. AND, both situations are tough! The leap of faith to blindly follow through WITH success and faith to follow through and it's utter failure. One party just didn't obey God so the whole thing falls apart. This scene was loaded with apprehension, but in the end IT WORKED. There are many that do not work.

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pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,
I'm pretending there's coming a day that I do not look at the three years of my life as a dismal failure. I sadly look at many of the beautiful moments in the scriptures through only one lens... the lens of pain. I know it's not right. I look forward to a shift away from that. Maybe it's after the termination anniversary takes place. Maybe I have to force a break and no longer linger in the memories. I do not know. I wake up on a Monday, and it feels like every other Monday I've experienced since that first Monday. It's like a creepy long nightmare. My other concern is WHEN you ask and WHAT you ask (because I know that moment is coming), I will HAVE to obey because I love you and you are the only one I truly trust with my life. However, with the layers of past mistakes, you know my ears, heart and mind are all broken to sense your will right now. Please be patient with me, my heart is still tender about being adventurous.

[contemplatio]

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root