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Elijah vs the Prophets of Baal

1 Kings 18

Please use the space below to take notes on today's message:

Take It Homework

We encourage you to not only do these exercises on your own, but also with a group of friends, co-workers, neighbors, small group or family members.

- Share a story (either from your life or one you've heard) of insurmountable odds; a story where it seemed impossible for something to be achieved, where an obstacle was overcome.

The story of Elijah and the Prophets of Baal is about how, with God, humans can have extreme confidence in the face of insurmountable odds.

But before the big "showdown," in 1 Kings 18:21, Elijah asks the people of Israel, "How long will you waver between two opinions?" It seems that a majority of the public sort of believed in God, but also held some belief and allegiance to the religious philosophies of the day. Does that sound familiar?

- What are the "gods" people waver between today? Do you personally waver between any "gods?" What are they?

1 Kings 18:27 tells us that Elijah was actually taunting his adversaries (trash talker that I am, one of my favorite verses from this passage). I guess when you're boasting about the power and strength of God and not yourself, you are allowed to have a little swagger in your step!

- Why do you think a deep connection and direction from God give you so much confidence?

- Share a time when you've felt confident about a tough situation because of the Lord's presence, direction or guidance?

We're told that the prophets of Baal and Asherah called out to their god, "But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention." (vs. 29) Wow! What a lonely place to be—a place of need or want for comfort, peace, direction or deliverance—and yet to receive no response, no answer. I want less people to have that experience. I wish no one had to experience that.

- Consider how blessed you are to not be alone; to have a God that hears you; to serve a God who shows up in your deepest, darkest moments of need. Thank God for His faithfulness.