

THE LIFE OF

ELIJAH



Elijah's Journey So Far

- Proclaims God's judgment through a drought
- Made a criminal by King Ahab
- Fed by ravens for a time
- Fed now at the hand of a faithful widow
- In the midst of lean times God provides

A Death in the Family (17:17)

- The woman's son becomes sick
- No nesh-aw-maw [puff, wind, breath, divine inspiration, intellect, spirit, soul]
- The child dies
- The Widow's loss

A Mother's Grief (18)

- The widow's words are not of faith but accusation
- First they are directed at the man of God
- Then they are directed at herself
- Grief has taken her eyes off the God

A Prophet's Answer (19)

- Despite angry accusation Elijah's answer is gentle
- It is one thing to be used mightily in the miraculous
- It is another thing to live faithfully in the day to day
 - Are our answers filled with gentleness and reflect God's immense grace alive and at work in us?
 - do we respond in kind?

A Prophet's Prayer (20)

- Rather than answer in kind Elijah bring both the child and the accusations before God in prayer
- Faith to take the child, Faith to give the child
- Tell Him your sorrows [He cares for our worries, concerns and for that which you must endure in his name]
- The child's death, the widow's grief, the God allowed calamity all is brought to God

Prayerful CPR (21)

- Elijah's request has no previous precedent
- Nothing too difficult for God
- All things are in his hands
- Work like it depends on you and pray like it depends on God
 - Do we work and pray as we ought?

God is Honored (22-24)

- The Child is restored to life
- The Child is restored to his Mother
- The Mother honors God's man Elijah
- God is honored despite the loss, pain, and even death