

# **Surrendered: War & Whisper**

## **Day 1**

### **Basics**

Spend some time reading the story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal in 1 Kings 18 and 19 and consider this article:

<https://learn.ligonier.org/devotionals/elijah-and-prophets-baal>

*Verses: Matthew 6:24, 1 Corinthians 10:21, Psalm 45:7*

*Prayer Topics: Battle, Will, Service*

## **Day 2**

### **Perspective**

Check out this article on the problems that Elijah faces:

<https://www.woh.org/2005/01/16/elijah-and-the-still-small-voice/>

What was Elijah's challenge? Why was he despondent after such a great victory? Why is focusing on the outcome of this battle a problem? What could Elijah have focused on instead? Why is faithfulness to God a better place to put our focus than outcomes?

*Verses: John 8:47, Proverbs 2:1-5, 1 John 5:14*

*Prayer Topics: Attitude, Contentment, Faith*

### **Day 3**

#### **Dig Deeper**

Check out this video that goes into depth about the story of Elijah confronting the prophets of Baal:

<https://discover-your-roots.captivate.fm/episode/mount-carmel-the-day-god-answered-by-fire>

How does this information help you to make the most of the lesson that this bible passage teaches? Was Elijah super-human? What struggles did he face? How does this help you relate to him? Is he that much different than you? What should you change in your life as a result of what you have learned?

*Prayer Topics: Bravery, Testing, Truth*

## **Day 4**

### **Called to Battle**

Elijah goes up the mountain and is called to fight. He must take on the prophets of Baal and bring Israel back to the covenant of God. When we go up the mountain, we are often called to similar battles. This battle is only against an "enemy" in a secondary sense. The primary battle is the battle of faith in God, finding confidence in him as we face an enemy. The enemy is not the point, having a greater confidence in God that overcomes our fear of the enemy is the point. Check out this devotional to learn more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fFNX4vpzoKU>

*Verses: Proverbs 3:26, Isaiah 41:10, 2 Corinthians 3:5*

*Prayer Topics: Confidence, Peace, Gratitude*

## **Day 5**

### **Thanks to Sylvester Warsaw, Jr for our devotional today**

It's true salvation is free because of Jesus's obedience on Calvary laying down His life for the sins of humanity, however, there's a cost to discipleship and that cost is surrender to God. You may ask how can surrendering to God be freedom when you've been indoctrinated that surrendering is an act of cowardness and not liberation. Freedom as we understand it in America is first self serving, self preservation whereas God teaches that true freedom is selflessness not promoting our own agenda but His. Many Americans who claim to be Christians have the Frank Sinatra syndrome, "I did it my way" and when you're in Christ Jesus it's never our way but God's. The cost of not surrendering to God to chase after the false treasures, fools gold, of this world that will perish far outways the cost of following Christ Jesus because the cost of not following Him is eternal separation from God and that's not what He desires. What the lie doesn't reveal of the choice of not following Christ Jesus is you're following and surrendering to the spirit of deceit, the spirit of death, the evil one while erroneously thinking you're living life to the fullest yet you're empty and your heart is in pain from the emptiness of not being in relationship with The Author of Life, Father God. The pain of weariness is the choice of following this world's order and there's a cost, Jer. 12:5-6. When we consciously choose to respond to God's love language of surrender this is what God offers us in Christ Jesus while here on earth when we put on Christ Jesus's yoke a lightening of the load, Matthew 11:28-30, because all our expectations come from Him, Psalm 62:5. Because there's no greater

principality then God and the government and the increase of His government, Is. 9:6-7, it only makes sense to respond to God's love by consciously choosing to surrender to Him because truthfully man's spirit knows where it belongs. This is why there's a void in the heart of many people which is painful especially when they profess to be Christians, Ps. 24:1. When we make the conscious choice of surrender to God He mount us up on wings like eagles, strengthens our journey with Him not becoming weary and not fainting as we walk with Him, Is. 40:28-31. Yolanda Adams an African American gospel artist ask this question in her song "Is Your All On The Altar" "is your all on the altar of sacrifice laid your heart does the Spirit control." Surrendering to God allows God to teach us His ways that teaches us how to live the life He created us to live causing our brothers and sisters outside the family of God to wonder what's different about us which gives us the opportunity to witness of His goodness and plan of salvation for man in and through Christ Jesus.