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- II. Read [1 Kings 17:1](#). Elijah hits the ground running! He appears out of nowhere and approaches one of the worst of Judah’s kings with news of a coming drought. Notice how God makes Elijah “the final word” as to when the drought would end. Note [James 5:17-18](#).

Now read [1 Kings 17:2-6](#). The Lord sometimes provides in surprising ways. Can you share an example of how God provided for you during a time of drought (need, crisis)?

Read [1 Kings 17:7-16](#). Things go from bad to worse and Elijah is forced to humble himself and seek the assistance of a welfare recipient. Why do you think God chose to provide in this fashion? What else happens as a result? Read on in [1 Kings 17:17-24](#). What was the resultant impact of this experience on Elijah? The widow (verse 24)? On Elisha ([2 Kings 4:32-37](#))? On Jesus ([Luke 4:24-26](#))?

- III. Finally read [1 Kings 18:16-24](#). Elijah challenges King Ahab and his pagan priests. Whose reputation is actually at stake here? What are the conditions of victory? Read [1 Kings 18:36-39](#)? Once again fire falls from Elijah’s prayers. God shows up in a big way. What impact does this encounter have on the on-lookers (verse 39). Who is challenging your faith in God? In what ways might God be leading you to defend his reputation? Are you game? What is at stake?

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