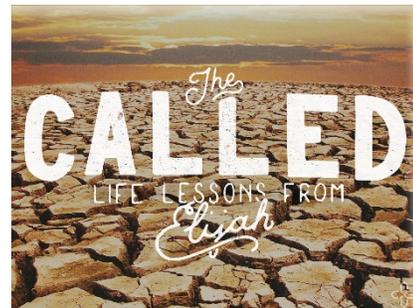


The Called

Week 1 – June 2, 2019

For further study – [Extraordinary Stories of Ordinary Heroes](#)



- **Passage:** [1 Kings 17:1-16](#)
- **Memory Verse:** “The word of the LORD came to him, saying, ‘Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there. I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.’” (1 Kings 17:8-9, MEV).
- **Main Idea**
 - What is the main idea of this passage?
 - How would you summarize the main idea of the sermon this week?
- **Applying God’s Word in Community**
 - The sermon contained an analogy of people who find and fulfill God’s call for them, they are compared to gold. Like gold, they are rare and useful. As believers, God has created, claimed, and called you. What does that look like in your life today?
 - How has God qualified you for what He’s called you to?
 - Is there something God might be calling you to that you’re resisting because you feel unqualified?
 - Read [1 Corinthians 12](#). What strikes you about this passage? What assurances does the Bible give us regarding calling and gifts?
 - What is one practical move you can make this week that will help to prepare you for God’s call?
 - Is there a family member or friend who has been a role model for you because of the way they’ve responded to God’s call on their life?
 - Oftentimes we impact those around us in ways we may not even be aware of. Who might you be impacting with the way in which you’re answering God’s call?
 - We learned this week that Elijah’s name literally means “God is God” which in turns mean, I am not. How is this reminder helpful in a current struggle of yours?
 - Elijah trusted God. He took God at His word when He said, *I have commanded the ravens to feed you there*” and “*I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.*” How can this story of God’s provision for Elijah comfort you this week?
 - **Prayer** – Read the sermon passage once more, then spend time talking to God:
 - **Adoration** – Praise God for the unique ways He calls His own and then equips us for all that He calls us to.
 - **Confession** – Confess to God where you may be resisting His call or doubting His equipping.
 - **Thanksgiving** – Thank God for the ways He has used you to reach someone around you and for the impact on others that you will continue to have.
 - **Supplication** – If you’re unsure about what God is calling you for, ask Him for understanding and/or clarity. Ask God to reassure you that you are His and that He alone empowers you for every good work.
- **Connecting Church & Home for Kids**
 - Read the sermon passage from a Children’s Bible.
 - Talk about, or play the game, “Red Light Green Light.”
 - Ask kids how it feels to be penalized for not obeying the “Red Light.”
 - Help kids connect the dots between trust and obedience.
 - Explain that God calls everyone – regardless of age.
 - Ask them to tell about a time they felt called by God to act, trust, or obey.
 - Ask them to say a brief prayer (or lead them) of thanksgiving for the ways God calls and equips us.
- **Going Deeper:** Here are some additional questions for you to engage the preached word more deeply either individually or with others.
 - Do you have questions or doubts about how God calls believers to follow Him? Read Genesis 17. Have you ever laughed at something God called you to? You’re in good company!
 - What other biblical accounts tell of doubt and/or questions?
 - How would you answer someone if they asked you, “Is doubting God a sin?”
 - Read the verse below from the worship song, “[Spirit of the Living God](#).” How does this verse strike you? Write out a brief prayer based on these lyrics.

*Spirit of the Living God
Spirit of the Living God
Come now and breathe upon our hearts
Come now and have your way*