

Sermon Questions from June 14

Text: 1 Kings 17:8-16

In verse 9, God commands Elijah to go to Zarephath, a place outside of Israel. Why might God send a prophet to a gentile widow during a famine that was affecting Israel?

The widow is preparing for what she believes to be her final meal. How does Elijah's command to "fear not" and feed him first challenge her perspective on her own survival? What do you think you would do in her situation?

How does the widow's act of obedience-baking the cake for Elijah first- serve as a turning point in her life and her relationship with God?

Elijah is a prophet who relies entirely on God for his own sustenance. What are some of the dangers of relying on our own financial or material self-sufficiency?

Can you think of a time when you had to trust in God in a practical way? What was that like?

God doesn't just provide for the widow, He provides through her as well (she gives and receives). What does this say about the importance of giving and receiving for us?