

2026-10-07 Summary

In 1 Kings 18, we find ourselves standing on Mount Carmel alongside Elijah, watching one of the most dramatic confrontations in all of Scripture unfold. But before we get to the fire falling from heaven, there is a question that cuts right to the heart of where we stand with God: 'How long will you waver between two opinions?' This is not just a question for ancient Israel. It is a question aimed directly at us. The story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal is not simply about a miraculous victory. It is about the cost of spiritual indecision and the danger of calling ourselves part of God's kingdom while quietly accommodating the values and priorities of the world around us. King Ahab wore the title of King of Israel, yet he had abandoned the commands of the God that title represented. The sobering parallel for us is this: we can carry the name 'Christian' while living in the same kind of quiet compromise. The sermon challenges us to examine whether we are truly following God or simply wavering, one foot in faith and one foot in the culture, never fully committing to either. Real faith, we are reminded, is not just belief held privately. It is a life lived in obedience, even when that obedience is costly, uncomfortable, or countercultural.