



## One Big Story - Week 7

### “Fire Fall”

1 Kings 18:16-40

You are on fire and you don't even know it.



## SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

### FOR FURTHER READING:

*The Attentive Life: Discerning God's Presence in all Things*

By Leighton Ford

*Gifts of the Dark Wood: Seven Blessings For Soulful Skeptics*

By Eric Elnes

*An Altar In The World: A Geography of Faith*

By Barbara Brown Taylor

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**THE BIBLE IS GOD’S ONE BIG STORY OF GOD’S LOVE FOR PEOPLE WHO DON’T ALWAYS FEEL LIKE THEY DESERVE GOD’S LOVE?**

**THIS SERIES IS GOING TO TEACH US ONE VERY IMPORTANT THING:**

**GOD CAN USE YOU NO MATTER WHAT**

**TODAY WE’RE GOING TO BE HEARING THE STORY OF**

**ELIJAH AND THE PROPHETS OF BAAL**

**HAVE YOU EVER HAD A MOMENT WHEN YOU WISHED GOD WOULD JUST SHOW UP?**

**IT CREATES A STRUGGLE INSIDE OF YOU, DOESN’T IT? WE WANT A CLEAR WINNER**

**IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A SIGN FROM GOD—LOOK NO FURTHER.**

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### **1 KINGS 18:16-40**

- BASIC BACKGROUND OF THE BOOK OF THE STORY—9TH CENTURY, KING AHAB
- THE AHAB OF HISTORY—ALLIANCES, MILITARY, WEALTH, POWER AND OTHER GODS
- IT WAS BASICALLY ILLEGAL TO BE A WORSHIPER OF YAHWEH AT THIS POINT
- ELIJAH SHOWS UP AND STARTS CALLING PEOPLE TO FAITHFULNESS
- “ARE YOU THE TROUBLER OF ISRAEL?” - ELIJAH LETS AHAB HAVE IT
- CHALLENGES AHAB’S PROPHETS OF BAAL TO A DUEL OVER THE SOUL OF ISRAEL
- “HOW LONG WILL YOU WAVER BETWEEN TWO OPINIONS?” - THE STRUGGLE IS REAL
- THEY HAD CEASED TO SEE GOD AT WORK IN THEIR LIVES, BLINDED TO THE SIGNS
- THE PROPHETS GO FIRST—FRENZIED, CUTTING THEMSELVES, ELIJAH TALKS TRASH
- ELIJAH MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE—ALL OF THE WATER—AND THE FIRE FALLS

**THIS STORY WAS A REMINDER OF GOD’S PRESENCE—HOLY FIRE ALL AROUND**

**SOMETIMES YOU NEED TO BE REMINDED—TO OPEN YOUR EYES AND SEE**

**WHAT IF I TOLD YOU THAT THE FIRE FROM HEAVEN YOU ARE SEEKING IS IN YOU?**

**THAT YOU ARE ON FIRE AND YOU DON’T EVEN KNOW IT?**

**THE GOD PARTICLE—THE HIGGS-BOSON, AND THE FIRE WITHIN YOU, GOD’S DNA**

- 1) **BANISH FEAR—YOU WOULD KNOW THAT GOD IS WITH YOU. ALWAYS.**
- 2) **TIP THE BALANCE IN YOUR INNER STRUGGLE—ORIGINAL BLESSING**
- 3) **SEE THE SIGNS MORE CLEARLY—WHAT’S INSIDE AFFECTS HOW WE SEE OUTSIDE**

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