

Widow Woman at Zarephath
1 Kings 17
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What others are saying about faith

"Faith is radar that sees through the fog – God's reality beyond human sight."

-Corrie ten Boom

"Faith is deliberate confidence in the character of God whose ways you may not understand at the time."

-Oswald Chambers

"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."

-Martin Luther King Jr.

"Faith is deliberate confidence in God's character when you cannot see His hand."

-Oswald Chambers

"Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace."

-Martin Luther

"Without faith, nothing is possible. With it, nothing is impossible."

-Mary McLeod Bethune

Verses on Faith

Luke 18:8,

When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?

Hebrews 11:6,

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

2 Corinthians 5:7,

For we live by faith, not by sight.

Hebrews 11:1 (NET),

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for, being convinced of what we do not see.

Matthew 17:20,

He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

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Zarephath – Place of refinement by fire

Faith Comes Alive When You...

1. Look beyond your current circumstances.

1 Kings 17:12,

“As surely as the Lord your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”

2. Allow your faith in God to conquer your fear.

1 Kings 17:13,

Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son.”

3. Don’t over-think it.

1 Kings 17:15,

She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family.

4. Place what’s in your hands into the hands of God.

1 Kings 17:16,

For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.

5. Simply obey when it doesn’t make sense.

1 Kings 17:19,

“Give me your son,” Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed.

6. Become like little children.

1 Kings 17:22–24,

The Lord heard Elijah’s cry, and the boy’s life returned to him, and he lived. ²³ Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, “Look, your son is alive!” ²⁴ Then the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord from your mouth is the truth.”

In case you missed it...

Answers:

1. Beyond
2. Faith
3. Over-think
4. Hands
5. Sense
6. Children