



A Chronicle of Courage

1 Kings 18:20-39

The Courage To Be Obedient

- **Elijah acted and demonstrated the courage to be obedient.**
- **God doesn't always call us to the easy place, or to take the easy road.**
- **Elijah knew that the will of God would not take him where the grace of God could not keep him.**
- **It is difficult to discern the call of God in our lives.**
- **Our problem is not that we do not hear the voice of God, but we lack the courage to follow the Voice.**

We Lack Courage

- Ahab led the nation of Israel into idol worship.
- Elijah was called to confront this sin.
- Elijah did not only want to challenge his God against their god, he wanted to completely humiliate them.
- It is not that the people completely turned their backs on God; they were hedging their bets.
- We do the same thing today by erecting our own idols.
- Money and success can easily distract us from matters of faith.
- You are either for God, or you are against Him.

Conclusion

- The only tool Elijah had and the only tool he needed was prayer.
- Prayer changes things, and prayer changes us.
- The most effective weapon we have is prayer, but do we have the courage to use it?
- It was on the cross where the enemy of God was defeated by the sacrifice of God's own Son.
- Prayer changed the world, and it can change us.