

**LIFE OF ELIJAH: A study by Bill Jones**  
**“Raising a Son, Revealing Truth to a Woman, Refining a Prophet”**

1 Kings 17:7-24

**I. Refinement: God’s training methods**

**A. God’s method and leading is often not what we would want or expect.**

(1 Kings 17:7, Hebrews 12:11)

**B. We must first be emptied to be filled; we must be melted and remolded for His purpose.**

(1 Kings 17:9, Numbers 31:22-23, Isaiah 29:16, 45:9, 48:10, 64:8,  
Jeremiah 18:1-6, Zechariah 13:9, Malachi 3:2-3)

**C. A true man of God is a man of God in all facets of life.**

(1 Kings 17:8-24, Isaiah 47:10)

**II. Redirection: God calls us, sends us and directs our path.**

**At times the Lord keeps us on the edge of uncertainty to develop (strengthen) our faith in Him.**

**A. God knows where you are. Don’t panic, don’t rush Him!**

(1 Kings 17:8, Psalm 37:4-5, Isaiah 41:10, 49:15-16)

**B. God shows us one step at a time. Wait on Him!**

(1 Kings 17:7-9, Psalm 130:5, Lamentations 3:22-24, Matthew 6:25-33,  
Romans 8:32, Hebrews 13:5)

**C. God knows where He is taking us. Trust Him!**

(1 Kings 17:9, Psalm 18:30, 31:14-15)

**III. Rejecting or Responding: We reject or obey, moving out in faith.**

**A. God’s word has sovereign authority. Israel’s rejection versus widow’s obedience.**

(1 Kings 17:9, Amos 8:11-12, Matthew 10:32-33, Luke 4:24-26, 1 Corinthians 1:21)

**B. Getting started, taking that first step is often the most difficult.**

(1 Kings 17:10)

**C. God responds to people who are seeking to know Him, no matter what their status in life. God is concerned about all people.**

(1 Kings 17:12, Isaiah 45:22, Matthew 15:21-28, 18:14, John 3:16, Acts 1:8,  
1 Corinthians 1:27-31, 1 Timothy 2:3-4, 2 Peter 3:9)

**D. God’s promises often require trust which is demonstrated by obedience.**

(1 Kings 17:13-16, John 14:15,21,23,24, 15:10)

**E. We must give our all. God’s word demands our all.**

(1 Kings 17:13, Matthew 6:33, 16:24-26, Mark 8:34-38, Luke 9:23-26, 14:25-33)

**F. God honors those who put other first.**

(1 Kings 17:13, Philippians 2:3-4, Luke 21:1-4)

**G. God's provisions are often just enough, and we need to thank Him for them.**

**Elijah teaches us contentment.**

(1 Kings 17:15-16, Lamentations 3:22-24, Matthew 6:19-21, Romans 8:32, 2 Corinthians 12:9, Philippians 4:11-14)

**IV. Running the Race: God using us.**

**A. God's word will multiply in our lives like the oil if we use (read) it.**

(1 Kings 17:16, Deuteronomy 8:3, Jeremiah 15:16, Matthew 4:4, Luke 4:4, John 1:1, 4:13-14, 6:35,48,57)

**B. Likewise God delights in taking what we have—our talents, our time, our resources, even our weaknesses—and multiplying their effectiveness.**

(1 Kings 17:16, Isaiah 40:29-31, Matthew 25:29, Mark 10:29-31, 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, Philippians 4:12-13)

**C. God reassures us through Elijah of His continual presence and power.**

(Deuteronomy 31:6, John 15:5, Hebrews 13:5)

**D. God teaches us through Elijah to continually rely upon Him.**

(Proverbs 3:4-6, John 15:4-8)

**E. God's provision of the multiplied flour and oil only continued until it began to rain. (1 Kings 17:14, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13)**

**F. Elijah teaches us to get alone with God.**

**1. We need to pray according to God's will.**

(1 Kings 17:14, 20-21, Genesis 32:11-12, Nehemiah 1:8-11, Daniel 9:2-19, Matthew 7:7-12, 21:22, Luke 11:9-13, James 4:2-3, 5:17-18 [compare with Deuteronomy 28:1-4,12,15-18,22-24], 1 Peter 3:12, 1 John 5:14-15)

**2. We need to persevere and be persistent in prayer.**

(1 Kings 21:21, Luke 11:5-10, 18:1-8)

**G. Elijah teaches us to get involved in other's needs.**

(1 Kings 17:19-24, Numbers 5:1-2, 19:11-21, John 15:12-13)

**V. Reflecting His image, Reflecting upon Him.**

**A. People are watching you to see if your life speaks the truth.**

(1 Kings 17:24, Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 3:18, Galatians 2:20,

**B. Developing a higher level of trust.**

(1 Kings 17:24, Job 19:25, Matthew 10:41, Luke 4:24-26)

**C. God can (will) accomplish His purpose. (Isaiah 55:11)**