

## Message Notes

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#### Part 2: Kerith – Where Hiddenness Sparks Effectiveness

1 Kings 17:1-12

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#### Getting dropped in a confusing place...

1. Tears us away from all that is familiar and comfortable in order to re-focus our attention and priorities.

“In loving union, we keep the door wide open. We allow the will of God to have full access to every area of our lives, including every aspect of our leadership—from difficult conversations and decision making to manage our emotional triggers. Cultivating this kind of relationship with God can’t be hurried or rushed. We must slow down and build into our lives a structure and rhythm that make this kind of loving surrender routinely possible.” — Peter Scazzero, The Emotionally Healthy Leader

2. Teaches us to let go of our personal agendas and self-sufficiency.

“Brokenness is a conscious, core awareness that you need God in all things. ... It is during seasons of brokenness that we encounter and 'wrestle' with God and He marks our lives with a fresh sense of the reality that we forever need Him. ... I have come to believe that a Christian leader's greatest moments are the dark, lonely times in which God marks our souls with that profound sense of our need for Him.” — Crawford Loritts, Leadership as An Identity

What’s it take to “hear” God’s direction?

- Silence and prayer-filled space (lots of it)
- Responsiveness to what God has revealed in His Word
- Humility that truly desires God’s direction ... in His time
- Discernment through wise counsel and thoughtful study
- Resting in God’s presence, love and power as I wait

3. Takes us to possibilities, people and provisions we never would have considered before.

“You trust in Jesus, and only in Jesus, for your salvation, then why are you troubled? .... Can you trust Him for your soul's redemption, and not rely upon Him for a few lesser mercies? Is not God enough for thy need, or is His all-sufficiency too narrow for thy wants? ...

Is His heart faint? Is His arm weary? If so, seek another God; but if He be infinite, omnipotent, faithful, true, and all-wise, why seek another confidence? Why do you rake the earth to find another foundation, when this is strong enough to bear all the weight which thou canst ever build thereon? Build for thyself an abiding place upon the Rock of Ages.” — Charles Spurgeon

**Discussion Questions**

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1. Take time to read back over our text in 1 Kings 17:1-12.
2. What was something that you recall from this past weekend's message?
3. What was the prophecy that Elijah took to Ahab, king of Israel? How do you think Ahab would have reacted?
4. After speaking with Ahab, why do you think God sent Elijah way out in the desert?
5. Have you ever found yourself in a "desert" like experience? Can you describe that?
6. How were Elijah's needs met while he was alone in the desert?
7. Why do you think God allowed the brook to dry up?
8. God provided for Elijah in unexpected ways. Can you recall some of God's provisions in your life that were unexpected?
9. In the midst of all the confusing twists and turns, God kept giving Elijah just enough direction to take the next step. Think back on what Daniel shared about "hearing" God's direction in our own lives. How do we get His direction for the confusing things we face?
10. It seems that God is always putting us in places where trust in Him is required. Can you share any "trust expanding" situations you find yourself in right now?
11. What could you do this week to worry less and trust more?