

MAPPING GOD'S WORK IN YOUR LIFE

1 Kings 17-19 | Eric Simpson | August 15, 2021

"Never make a principle out of your experience; let God be as original with other people as he is with you." – Oswald Chambers

Elijah = my God is Jehovah

The journey from where you are to where God wants you to be starts right where you are.

- Tishbe – place of beginnings

"The prophet needed further training in secret if he was to be personally fitted to speak again for God in public...How quickly self rises to the surface, and the instrument is ready to believe he is something more than an instrument. How sadly easy it is to make of the very service God entrusts us with a pedestal on which to display ourselves." – A.W. Pink

- Zarephath – place of endurance

1 Kings 17:15-16

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. 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.

- Mt. Carmel – place of breakthrough

1 Kings 18:36-39

36...the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. 37 Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again." 38 Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. 39 When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!"

- Juniper tree – place of endings

1 Kings 19:3-4

3 Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, 4 while he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said...

"Our spiritual journey must lead through the desert or else our healing will be the product of our own will and wisdom. It is in the silence of the desert that we hear our dependence on noise. It is in the poverty of the desert that we see clearly our attachments to trinkets we cling to for security and pleasure. The desert shatters the soul's arrogance and leaves body and soul crying out in thirst and hunger. In the desert we trust God or die." – Dan Allender