



June 16, 2024 Sermon Notes

Sermon:

"Enjoy The Brook While You Can"

(1 Kings 17:7 ESV)

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And after a while the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

Background:

- So in this 17th chapter of 1 Kings, here we see that we have the prophet Elijah whose name means "The Lord is my God", and we see that he is called "The Tishbite" is because of being from a city called Toshab and then dwelt in Gilead and "Tishbe" means settlers. Then we see that the word of God came to Elijah, and since the word of God came to Elijah he was told to depart and go to the Brook called "Cherish" which was east of Jordan.
- There the Lord said at the Brook, that I have commanded ravens to feed you there and then that is what Elijah did that he went to the Brook of Cherish and there the ravens brought him food for in the morning and in the evening. The Brook was by the east of Jordan, and then flowed through the land of Gad, and that the land belonged to Israel and located in the heart of Canaan.
- When you follow the Lord, and when you let the Lord do the leading that's when the Lord has you where He wants you, and because the Lord has you where He wants you, that's when you know that God will bless you! God will take care you, God has your back, God will make a way, and God will open up doors for you but you have to make sure that you go to where the Lord wants, and to where the Lord guides, and when you do that watch how the Lord will take care of you, and watch how the lord will bless because the Lord watches over you, the Lord blesses you, and the Lord will shine on you!

- God will do it, and God will always make sure that we are good! We have to always make sure that we trust in the Lord, and know that when the door opens you have to utilize it and live with it while you can, because when it is over that's when it is over! You have to go forward with the Lord, and when you go forward with the Lord that's when you know He won't let you down, but you also know that with the Lord things might be different, but God will always work it out!

“The Dry Brook”

- Now that Elijah has been at this Brook for a while, but now that Brook has dried up, that Brook that was working for Elijah has now become dry! How is it, that the Lord has allowed this Brook to now become dry, what caused this Brook to dry, and what was the purpose for it to dry, was it that the Brook wasn't productive or was it that the Brook has now served its course? The Brook was dry, the Brook didn't flow anymore, and the Brook was no longer working because God said it has served its course!
- I like that Elijah at the Brook was being taken care of, but now you see that Brook dried but you understand dry Brooks don't stop you from living, dry Brooks happen when either the Brook dries or you will dry! Have you noticed that sometimes things that we used to love, somethings that when they leave us we let them take us to, and we allow them to steal pieces of us, but that's one thing we have to realize don't allow the departure of some stuff cause you to lose yourself, and make you become dry!
- We see that reality in the text, we see that truth in the text, and we see that this is not something that we should not take for granted, but it is a true reality that a Brook will dry! The Brook will dry, you see that in the text that you see that the Brook will dry, and have you noticed that when a Brook dries or when a season dries up there are variables that come with! Some things dry for us, some things dry before they take us down, some things dry because if they don't dry they won't allow us to continue to go forward, and there are times that things dry because they need to dry!
- When you trust in the Lord you ought to follow God, and trust the Lord when He allows things to dry! You have to trust the Lord when you know that the Lord is in charge, and you know there are times that the Lord allows things to dry so that we don't get so dependent on that more than Him! Sometimes we can get so dependent on things that we stop depending on God, there are times we get dependent on things sometimes that we start to neglect the Lord, or we can start to pay more attention to that then pay attention to the Lord, and there are times that the Brook dried up!
- There are days that the Lord lets things dry up so we don't dry up on Him! No matter how much you are blessed, no matter how many doors God opens up for

you, no matter how much success you have, no matter if your name is called, and no matter if you have other great things don't you allow yourself to not seek the Lord! We all need the Lord, we all need to pray to the Lord, and we all need to have more of the Lord and when we have more of the Lord we know that even when God closed the Brook, that doesn't mean He closed His hand!

- **People get stuck in drought because they are still trying to get food and water from what is no longer functional! Have you seen and even noticed that sometimes you can feel empty and not at peace because of staying at the dry brook, you can feel like you have no direction because you are still hanging out at the brook, and you can even feel like that you have a dark and gloomy cloud over you because you are still at the brook!**
- **You can never get a better life if you are still trying to get water from a cut off supply! God will cut things off that need to be cut off, and God will cut things off that you don't need because the Brook dried up!**

“The Transition Of The Brook”

- **Don't get so caught up in one location that God can't do more, God can do more with a Church, God can do more in your ministry, God can do more with your family, God can do more with your finances, God can do more with you but don't get stuck at the Brook! People get so stuck in one location, and in getting stuck in one location is what will prohibit them from reaching for more, dreaming for more, striving for more, desiring more, and even trying to get more what are you doing faith wise because you can't experience God in a newer and more powerful way staying stuck at what is no longer operating**
- **God isn't limited, God isn't restricted, and God isn't empty but God always has another move! God always has another option, God always has another way of doing something, and just like Elijah he went Zarephath to be fed by a widow woman, and there's something to understand that sometimes you got to keep pushing, you have to keep moving, and you have to keep going because the Lord has more in store for you, and it isn't just at one location!**
- **Some stuff has to leave, but don't let it make you leave and don't allow it to make you stop being you, it's just that some stuff doesn't last forever! Some stuff we leave, some stuff we grow apart from, and there's just some stuff that we realize and understand that as I grow some stuff grows from me, but also I realize that this served its purpose!**
- **That's when you have to watch out, you have to watch out for becoming so familiar to where you don't put any effort into it, you don't value it, you don't treasure it, and you don't really take the time to really love on it and then it goes away! Some stuff can go away without our permission, some stuff can leave us swiftly and quickly, because it's one thing for the Brook to be operating but it is another thing**

to make sure you utilize the time and effort at the break, because when you waste time you don't get time back, and when you don't take advantage of what the Lord gives you it will be gone!

- **There are just times that God has to close some stuff so we don't forget Him, and that the Lord closes some stuff because He's got another route for us! The Lord always has another move, the Lord always has another place, the Lord always has another door, the Lord always has another blessing, and just like this Brook dried up the Lord always has another way to feed me, and don't think that the Lord is limited!**

This Week's Goals:

- Read 1 Kings 17!
- Pray for your next move!

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