

#10 RESPONDING TO CRISIS - PART 2

1. God _____, God _____, God _____, God _____.

1 Kings 16:33 (NIV) Ahab also made an Asherah pole and did more to arouse the anger of the LORD, the God of Israel, than did all the kings of Israel before him.

1 Kings 17:1 (NLT) Now Elijah, who was from Tishbe in Gilead, told King Ahab, "As surely as the LORD, the God of Israel, lives—the God I serve—there will be no dew or rain during the next few years until I give the word!"

1 Kings 17:2-4 (NLT) Then the LORD said to Elijah, "Go to the east and hide by Kerith Brook, near where it enters the Jordan River. Drink from the brook and eat what the ravens bring you, for I have commanded them to bring you food."

1 Kings 17:6 (NLT) The ravens brought him bread and meat each morning and evening, and he drank from the brook.

2. God has _____ to meet needs.

3. Remember: God meets needs in _____ ways.

1 Kings 17:9 (NIV) "Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food."

1 Kings 17:10-12 (NIV) So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread." "As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of

flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”

What lessons can we learn from this story?

● **God sees _____ in _____ and (seemingly) _____.**

1 Corinthians 1:27-28 (NLT) Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important.

● **God’s care for us should bring _____ to _____.**

Matthew 6:11 (NIV) Give us today our daily bread.

Galatians 6:2 (NKJV) Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Genesis 12:2 (NLT) I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others.

● **God is determined to teach us the importance and blessings of _____.**

Proverbs 11:24-25 (NIV) One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NIV) Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless

you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (NLT) For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.

4. Remember: God will _____ your crisis.

1 Kings 17:15-16 (NLT) So she did as Elijah said, and she and Elijah and her family continued to eat for many days. There was always enough flour and olive oil left in the containers, just as the LORD had promised through Elijah.

Psalms 23:4-6 (NKJV) Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

Isaiah 43:1-2 (NIV) But now, this is what the LORD says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.