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I Kings 17-19

We want a life like the kiddie ride at the fair, calm, predictable, care-free and fun. We get a life that is like the rollercoaster. Sharp turns, sudden drops that leaves us gasping for breath, at times filled with fear, terror, and pain. That describes Elijah, God's prophet.

Obedience is paramount

1. Although Elijah is obedient, his life is not trouble-free (17:1-7).
2. Speaking for God is serious business (17:1).
3. Investing with God supersedes all other investments (17:10-16).
4. Divided hearts always show themselves. (18:21, see also Exodus 32:5, James 4:4)

Big Idea:

- Elijah is obedient to do whatever God asks - the hard things and the things that put him in the middle of pain and suffering - even when it threatens his life (18:40).