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I Kings 17-19

We want a life like the kiddie ride at the fair, calm, predicable, 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, and pain. At times exhilarating, other times terrifying. 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)

Danger Points

1. His nearly fatal flaw, he gives into fear (19:3).
2. He puts the focus on "self" (19:10), comparing himself to others.
3. He is full of self-pity (19:14).
4. He is alone and isolated (19:14, see Genesis 2:18).

Big Ideas:

- Re-orient yourself to trust God with everything.
- God didn't move, you did.
- The one time Elijah doesn't trust God it nearly costs him everything (19:3).