



SHOWDOWN AT HIGH NOON
 Pt. 1 – *“When It’s Time To
 Pick A Side”*
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SETTING THE STAGE FOR THE SHOWDOWN

“Omri began to rule over Israel in the thirty-first year of King Asa’s reign in Judah. He reigned twelve years in all, six of them in Tirzah. Then Omri bought the hill now known as Samaria from its owner, Shemer, for 150 pounds of silver. He built a city on it and called the city Samaria in honor of Shemer. But Omri did what was evil in the Lord’s sight, even more than any of the kings before him. He followed the example of Jeroboam son of Nebat in all the sins he had committed and led Israel to commit. The people provoked the anger of the Lord, the God of Israel, with their worthless idols.”

1st Kings 16:23-26 (NLT)

**(AN IDOL IS ANYTHING WE _____ OUR
 _____ TO OVER GOD.)**

BUT WAIT...IT GETS WORSE.

“Ahab son of Omri began to rule over Israel in the thirty-eighth year of King Asa’s reign in Judah. He reigned in Samaria twenty-two years. But Ahab son of Omri did what was evil in the Lord’s sight, even more than any of the kings before him. And as though it were not enough to follow the sinful example of Jeroboam, he married Jezebel, the daughter of King Ethbaal of the Sidonians, and he began to bow down in worship of Baal. First Ahab built a temple and an altar for Baal in Samaria. Then he set up an Asherah pole. He did more to provoke the anger of the Lord, the God of Israel, than any of the other kings of Israel before him.”

1st Kings 16:29-33 (NLT)

**GOD WANTS TO BE _____ IN YOUR LIFE...
 AND HE ISN’T AFRAID TO USE _____ WAYS
 TO _____ TO HIMSELF.**

“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!””

1st Kings 17:1

4 REASONS WHY GOD LOVES TO USE PEOPLE LIKE ELIJAH

**1. GOD LOVES TO USE PEOPLE THAT _____ WOULD
 _____.**

“Now Elijah, who was from Tishbe in Gilead...”

**2. GOD LOVES TO USE PEOPLE THAT AREN’T AFRAID TO
 _____.**

“Elijah...told King Ahab, “As surely as the Lord, the God of Israel, lives—the God I serve...”

**3. GOD LOVES TO USE PEOPLE THAT WILL _____
 AGAINST THE _____ OF THE DAY.**

“...there will be no dew or rain during the next few years until I give the word!””

**4. GOD LOVES TO USE PEOPLE THAT ARE WILLING TO _____
 HIM, _____ & _____.**

“The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years!”

James 5:16b-17 (NLT)

“So fear the Lord and serve Him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped...Serve the Lord alone...Choose today whom you will serve...But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.”

Joshua 24:14-15 (NLT)