



ELIJAH’S SHOWDOWN AT HIGH NOON
 (1st Kings 18:1-40)

“Later on, in the third year of the drought, the Lord said to Elijah, “Go and present yourself to King Ahab. Tell him that I will soon send rain!” So Elijah went to appear before Ahab. Meanwhile, the famine had become very severe in Samaria.” - vs. 1-2

3 REASONS WHY WE DRIFT AWAY FROM OUR FAITH IN GOD

1. WE _____ OTHERS FOR OUR BAD _____.
“Ahab went out to meet Elijah. When Ahab saw him, he exclaimed, “So, is it really you, you troublemaker of Israel?””
 vs. 16-17

2. WE _____ UP _____ WAY FOR THE _____ WAY.
“I have made no trouble for Israel,” Elijah replied. “You and your family are the troublemakers, for you have refused to obey the commands of the Lord and have worshiped the images of Baal instead. Now summon all Israel to join me at Mount Carmel, along with the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah who are supported by Jezebel.” So Ahab summoned all the people of Israel and the prophets to Mount Carmel.”
 vs. 18-20

3. WE CHOOSE _____ & _____ OVER _____.
“Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, “How much longer will you waver, hobbling between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him! But if Baal is God, then follow him!” But the people were completely silent.”
 vs. 21

“...be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind.”
 James 1:6 (NLT)

4 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO REIGNITE YOUR FAITH IN GOD TODAY

1. _____ YOUR LIFE AROUND EXPERIENCING GOD’S _____.
“Then Elijah called to the people, “Come over here!” They all crowded around him as he repaired the altar of the Lord that had been torn down.”
 vs. 30

2. _____ WHERE YOU’VE COME FROM.
“He took twelve stones, one to represent each of the tribes of Israel, and he used the stones to rebuild the altar in the name of the Lord. Then he dug a trench around the altar large enough to hold about three gallons. He piled wood on the altar, cut the bull into pieces, and laid the pieces on the wood.”
 vs. 31-33a

3. _____ ON GOD BY TRUSTING HIM THROUGH _____.
“Then he said, “Fill four large jars with water, and pour the water over the offering and the wood.” After they had done this, he said, “Do the same thing again!” And when they were finished, he said, “Now do it a third time!” So they did as he said, and the water ran around the altar and even filled the trench.”
 vs. 33b-35

“At the usual time for offering the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet walked up to the altar and prayed, “O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, prove today that You are God in Israel and that I am your servant. Prove that I have done all this at Your command. O Lord, answer me! Answer me so these people will know that you, O Lord, are God and that You have brought them back to Yourself.” Immediately the fire of the Lord flashed down from heaven and burned up the young bull, the wood, the stones, and the dust. It even licked up all the water in the trench! And when all the people saw it, they fell face down on the ground and cried out, “The Lord— He is God! Yes, the Lord is God!””
 vs. 36-39

4. _____ ANYTHING THAT IS GETTING IN THE WAY OF _____ & _____.
“Then Elijah commanded, “Seize all the prophets of Baal. Don’t let a single one escape!” So the people seized them all, and Elijah took them down to the Kishon Valley and killed them there.”
 vs. 40

“Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to His cross and crucified them there.”
 Galatians 5:24 (NLT)