

Elijah: Learning to Follow God  
Three Responses to God's Word  
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1 Kings 18:1-16 show us three responses to God:

The response of Ahab to God:

- He ignored God's Word (17:1)
- He ignored his responsibility to others in order to pursue his own selfish desires (18:5-6)
- He refused to acknowledge and repent of his sin (18:2-4)

**Response:** Ahab was hardened toward God

The response of Obadiah to God:

- He hid his faith from others (18:3-4; Gen 39:8-10; 40:8; 41:16,25,28,32; Dan 1:8-20; 2:27-28,37,44-45,47)
- He developed a misguided view of God (18:9; Gen 19:6-8)
- He was fearful of obeying God (18:14; Gen 19:18-20)

**Response:** Obadiah was hesitant toward God

The response of Elijah to God:

- Is assured of the reality of God in his life (18:15a)
- Is confident in his calling from God (18:15b)
- Is committed to do God's will (18:15c)

**Response:** Elijah was surrendered to God

**Making it mine....**

In my life at this moment, which of these three responses (Ahab, Obadiah, Elijah) would characterize my response to God's Word and His will? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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What are some situations you are, or have been, placed in with regards to your faith and other values? (i.e. Work, family, relationships, neighbors, school, clubs or teams you may be part of) How do you, or how have you, responded in those situations? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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What is it that is stopping you from obeying God today? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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How can the example of the discourse between Elijah and Obadiah encourage you to become more courageous in your faith? In what way? \_\_\_\_\_

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