

Elijah: Learning to Follow God
Three Responses to God's Word
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1 Kings 18:1-16 show us three r e s p o n s e s to God:

The response of A h a b to God:

- He i g n o r e d God's W o r d (17:1)
- He i g n o r e d his r e s p o n s i b i l i t y to others in order to p u r s u e his own s e l f i s h desires (18:5-6)
- He refused to a c k n o w l e d g e and r e p e n t of his sin (18:2-4)

Response: Ahab was h a r d e n e d toward God

The response of O b a d i a h to God:

- He h i d his f a i t h 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 m i s g u i d e d view of G o d (18:9; Gen 19:6-8)
- He was f e a r f u l of o b e y i n g God (18:14; Gen 19:18-20)

Response: Obadiah was h e s i t a n t toward God

The response of E l i j a h to God:

- Is a s s u r e d of the r e a l i t y of God in his life (18:15a)
- Is c o n f i d e n t in his c a l l i n g from God (18:15b)
- Is c o m m i t t e d to d o God's w i l l (18:15c)

Response: Elijah was s u r r e n d e r e d 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. _____

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. _____

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

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

