

Elijah: Learning to Follow God  
Get Off of the Fence!  
1 Kings 18:17-40 (page 246)

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God will always expose and confront sin in our lives  
(1 Kings 18:17-21)

- individually (v 17-19; 2 Cor 13:5; 5:7-12)
- corporately or collectively (vs 20-21; Josh 24:15)

God is more than able to face every challenge to His  
true identity (1 Kings 18:21-38)

God *will use those* who are willing to:

- stand alone if necessary  
(v 22; Gen 39:6-9; 2 Tim 4:16-18)
- challenge those who oppose God  
(v 23-29; Jude 3-4)
- call people back to the mighty works of God on their  
behalf (vs 30-38; Acts 2:22-37; 4:8-12)
- call people to worship God alone and be holy  
(vs 39-40; Rom 12:1-2; 6:13-14; 1 Cor 13:11-12)

**The question:** *What is it* that keeps me from being a  
whole-hearted follower of Jesus Christ?  
(Matt 6:24; Josh 24:15)

**Thinking it through...**

Our passage this morning shows us that people's lives will reflect what they worship. Being honest, do your actions, choices, and lifestyle reflect your determination to serve Jesus Christ or the idols of this world? Explain / Discuss. \_\_\_\_\_

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It has ben said that "Divided allegiance is as wrong as open idolatry". Do you agree or disagree? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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Contrast the actions of the prophets of Baal with Elijah to get their god/God to answer (vs 22-38). What characterized Elijah's behavior? Why do you think he could do what he did and have confidence that God would answer? How does that factor into your life? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why was Elijah's prayer effective? Do you pray? When? How? If you struggle in this area (as many do) what is it that hinders you? Is there some other Christian you know with whom you could begin to partner to pray with on a weekly (or more) basis to help and encourage you in this area? \_\_\_\_\_

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