

Elijah: Learning to Follow God
Respond to the Opportunities God Gives You
1 Kings 22:51 - 2 Kings 1:1-18 (page 250)

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**God is g r a c i o u s to give us many o p p o r t u n i t i e s
to r e p e n t (2 Kings 1:1-2a)**

To get our attention, God *may* bring:

- outside o p p o s i t i o n into our lives (v 1; 2 Kings 3:4-5; Daniel 5:21; Acts 17:24-28; Psalm 33:10-11)
- f i n a n c i a l trouble into our lives (2 Chron 20:35-37)
- p e r s o n a l problems into our lives (v 2a)

**W h e r e we turn in hard times r e v e a l s Who we really
t r u s t (2 Kings 1:2b-4)**

- Even when we don't s e e k God, He still s e e k s us (vs 3-4)

**Our r e f u s a l to r e p e n t of our sin causes a progressive
h a r d e n i n g of our hearts (2 Kings 1:5-18)**

- God is f a i t h f u l to w a r n us of danger (vs 5-8)

We should be careful:

- not to c h a l l e n g e God (vs 9-12)
- not to p r o v o k e God to j u d g m e n t (vs 13-15)
- to h u m b l e ourselves before God (vs 16-18)

Bring it home....

When you are in distress or difficulty, where, or to whom, do you turn to first for help? Yourself...others...money...job...God?

Explain. _____

Is there an area of your life that God has been calling you to forsake and repent of? How have you responded to this point? After today, are you more aware of how many opportunities He has provided to respond? What will you do about that?

Can you think of a time (or times) in your life where you have become resistant and increasingly hardened toward God in some area of your life? How did you regain your focus?

