



## DAILY DEVOTIONS

### THE 7 ARROWS OF BIBLE READING



What does this passage say?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What does this passage tell us about man?



What does this passage demand of me?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



How does this passage prompt me to pray?

DEVOT

## KINGS 16:1-34

1 Kings 16 is a picture of humanity when we are motivated by pride, envy, and power. We bring harm on ourselves and others. Notice there isn't the slightest consideration of how God might be pleased or honored in the chapter. See how horrible and ugly it is when people are only thinking of themselves! Loving God and neighbors is blessing. Selflessness is beautiful. Satan wants you to prefer sin, but when we see its real effects, as we do in this chapter, we are reminded of why it is always better to do good!

HOW MIGHT YOU STRUGGLE WITH PRIDE OR ENVY?

HOW HAS PRIDE AND COMPETITION AFFECTED YOUR RELATIONSHIPS?

WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF YOU ARE HUMBLE AND SERVE OTHERS?

**DAY 02**

# 1 KINGS 17:1-16

WHAT SPECIFIC INSTRUCTION DO YOU KNOW YOU NEED TO OBEY GOD IN?

WHAT IS KEEPING YOU FROM TRUSTING THE LORD?

HOW HAS GOD PROVIDED FOR YOU IN THE PAST?

Elijah and the widow are two examples of what it looks like to trust the Lord. God told Elijah to go to a specific place and trust that God would provide for him. Elijah told the widow that God would provide for her as she acted in faith. Each of them followed the Lord's instructions and God provided for them both. It is important to trust God and act according to His words. Obey God today and know that He will provide exactly what you need.

**DAY 03**

# 1 KINGS 17:17-24

The widow was faithful. She trusted God and helped the prophet Elijah, yet her son died. She must have felt confused, betrayed, and unseen. How could this happen after she'd obeyed God? Life in a fallen world can be confusing. The righteous suffer tragedy and walk through pain that seems unfair. But tragedy will not have the final word. God turns tragedy into triumph. The power of sin will be undone, and God will vindicate His servants. You can face any sorrow knowing that God can take every pain and make something beautiful.

HOW HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED OR WITNESSED SUFFERING THAT SEEMED UNFAIR?

HOW CAN YOU TRUST GOD EVEN WHEN LIFE DOESN'T MAKE SENSE?

WHY DOES THE RESURRECTION GIVE YOU HOPE THROUGH EVERY TRIAL?

# KINGS 18:1-15

WHEN HAS IT BEEN SCARY TO DO THE RIGHT THING?

HOW CAN FEAR KEEP YOU FROM DOING GOOD?

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO BE MORE COURAGEOUS?

Ahab and Jezebel must have been terrifying rulers to work for. But Obadiah gained the courage to undermine his rulers rather than do evil before the Lord. He risked it all to hide the prophets from Jezebel and provide them with food and water. You may not always be in charge, but you can always use your power to do good and overcome evil. Consider ways that you can use your influence to promote what is good and bless other people. Commit to be courageous and do what you know is right.

# KINGS 18:16-39

Have you ever gone back and forth on an important decision? Maybe you had to decide what to do about a friendship or commitment to a team or a certain hobby. Elijah asked the Israelites, "How long will you waver between two opinions?" They were going back and forth in their commitment to God. Consider how you may be wavering in an area of your life. You know what God calls and wants you to do, but you aren't fully committed to that way. Lay aside anything holding you back and go all in on your commitment to God.

WHAT DECISION ARE YOU DELAYING THAT YOU NEED TO MAKE?

HOW IS A LACK OF COMMITMENT KEEPING YOU FROM WHAT GOD WANTS FOR YOUR LIFE?

WHAT ACTION CAN YOU TAKE TO COMMIT MORE FULLY TO GOD?