

# Maple Springs Baptist Church

Series: Elijah

Week 1: Making of a Man of God

Elijah means “My God is Jehovah; The Lord is my God.” The 1<sup>st</sup> time we see Elijah is **1 Kings 17:1**. God takes Elijah into a season of hiding. Why? Because there’s so much more God wants to do through him.

God takes Elijah through, **3 seasons of preparations**.

1. God takes him through a **season of isolated pain, where he is very alone**. **1 KINGS 17:2-3**.

**Kerith means “cut off,” or “cut down.” I’m going to humble you privately before I use you publicly.**

A. W. Tozer said, **“It’s doubtful that God can bless a man greatly until He’s hurt him deeply.”**

2. God takes Elijah through a season of **total dependence**, where Elijah cannot depend on anything at all but God, and God alone. **1 KINGS 17:4-6**.

God is teaching him, “I will always be your provider.”

3. God takes him through a season of **unconditional obedience**. **1 KINGS 17:7-9**.

**God may cause the brook to dry up to give us the courage to leave where we are and to go where we are supposed to be.**

**1 KINGS 17:10-16**. God took him to the Kerith Ravine, where he was cut down. God took him to a season of total dependence, where he couldn’t depend on anything at all but God and God alone. Then, God dried up the brook, so that he would leave where he was, to go to where God ultimately wanted him, so once again, He could perform a miracle. God used the horrible things to shape him into a true man of God.

The making of a man or a woman of God—they often go through the Kerith Ravine, so God can do in them what He wants to do before He does more through them.