

Six Key Questions

Navigating the Ups & Downs of Life, part 4
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I. Elijah's T _____ C _____

After many days the word of the Lord came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, "Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain upon the earth." 2 So Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. ...

1 Kings 18:1-2a (ESV)

Q1: How long are we ...

The Lord isn't slow about keeping his promises, as some people think he is. In fact, God is patient, because he wants everyone to turn from sin and no one to be lost.

2 Peter 3:9 (CEV)

Q2: Will we ...

So be careful how you live, not as fools but as those who are wise. 16 Make the most of every opportunity for doing good ... 17 Don't act thoughtlessly, but try to understand what the Lord wants you to do.

Ephesians 5:15-17 (NLT)

II. Ahab's T _____ C _____

Ahab said to Obadiah, "Go through the land to all the springs of water and to all the valleys. Perhaps we may find grass and save the horses and mules alive, and not lose some of the animals."

6 So they divided the land between them to pass through it. Ahab went in one direction by himself, and Obadiah went in another direction by himself.

1 Kings 18:5-6 (ESV)

Q3: What is our greater ...

Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence." 38 This is the most important, the first on any list. 39 But there is a second to set alongside it: "Love others as well as you love yourself." 40 These two commands are pegs; everything in God's Law and the Prophets hangs from them."

Matthew 22:37-40 (MSG)

Q4: Which is our greater ...

An absence of G _____ P _____

or An awareness of G _____ P _____

(see Psalm 139:23-24)

III. Obadiah's T _____ C _____

So Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. Now the famine was severe in Samaria. 3 And Ahab called Obadiah, who was over the household. (Now Obadiah feared the Lord greatly, 4 and when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the Lord, Obadiah took a hundred prophets and hid them by fifties in a cave and fed them with bread and water.)

1 Kings 18:2-4 (ESV)

• His C _____

• His C _____

And as Obadiah was on the way, behold, Elijah met him. And Obadiah recognized him and fell on his face and said, "Is it you, my lord Elijah?" 8 And he answered him, "It is I. Go, tell your lord, 'Behold, Elijah is here.'" 9 And he said, "How have I sinned, that you would give your servant into the hand of Ahab, to kill me? 10 As the Lord your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my lord has not sent to seek you. And when they would say, 'He is not here,' he would take an oath of the kingdom or nation, that they had not found you. 11 And now you say, 'Go, tell your lord, "Behold, Elijah is here.'" 12 And as soon as I have gone from you, the Spirit of the Lord will carry you I know not where. And so, when I come and tell Ahab and he cannot find you, he will kill me, although I your servant have feared the Lord from my youth. 13 Has it not been told my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of the Lord, how I hid a hundred men of the Lord's prophets by fifties in a cave and fed them with bread and water? 14 And now you say, 'Go, tell your lord, "Behold, Elijah is here" '; and he will kill me."

1 Kings 18:7-14 (ESV)

Q5: Is there something we are ...

Q6: Have we been keeping a ...

(Luke 17:10, Mark 10:43-45)

Elijah said, "As the Lord Almighty lives, whom I serve, I will surely present myself to Ahab today." 16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab went to meet Elijah. 17 When he saw Elijah, he said to him, "Is that you, you troubler of Israel?"

1 Kings 18:15-17 (NIV)