



Can You Dig It?
Digging Deeper (Wk. 2 of 4)
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1 Kings 17:2-9 (NLT) Then the Lord said to Elijah, [3] "Go to the east and hide by Kerith Brook at a place east of where it enters the Jordan River. [4] Drink from the brook and eat what the ravens bring you, for I have commanded them to bring you food." [5] So Elijah did as the Lord had told him and camped beside Kerith Brook. [6] The ravens brought him bread and meat each morning and evening, and he drank from the brook. [7] But after a while the brook dried up, for there was no rainfall anywhere in the land. [8] Then the Lord said to Elijah, [9] "Go and live in the village of Zarephath, near the city of Sidon. There is a widow there who will feed you. I have given her my instructions."

You choose the _____ of your life!

John 14:15 (NIV) "If you love me, you will obey what I command.

Hebrews 5:12-13 + 6:1 (NLT) You have been Christians a long time now, and you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things a beginner must learn about the Scriptures. You are like babies who drink only milk and cannot eat solid food. [13] And a person who is living on milk isn't very far along in the Christian life and doesn't know much about doing what is right. [6:1] So let us stop going over the basics of Christianity again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding..

1 Cor. 1:27 (NLT) Instead, God deliberately chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose those who are powerless to shame those who are powerful.

1. _____: Give up, forego, forfeit, let go, surrender.

1 Kings 17:10-14 (NLT) So he went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the gates of the village, he saw a widow gathering sticks, and he asked her, "Would you please bring me a cup of water?" [11] As she was going to get it, he called to her, "Bring me a bite of bread, too." [12] But she said, "I swear by the Lord your God that I don't have a single piece of bread in the house. And I have only a handful of flour left in the jar and a little cooking oil in the bottom of the jug. I was just gathering a few sticks to cook this last meal, and then my son and I will die." [13] But Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid! Go ahead and cook that 'last meal,' but bake me a little loaf of bread first. Afterward there will still be enough food for you and your son. [14] For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: There will always be plenty of flour and oil left in your containers until the time when the Lord sends rain and the crops grow again!"

_____ others more than self.

Philip. 2:4 (Msg) Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.

Mark 12:30-31 (NLT) And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' [31] The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

What is worth not _____ to God?

2. _____: faith, belief, hope, conviction, confidence, expectation, reliance, dependence.

Mark 8:35 (NIV) For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.

Matthew 6:33 (NLT) and he will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.

List any reasons to not _____ and weigh differences.

What is worth not _____ God with?

3. _____: promise, pledge, vow, assure, dedicate, loyalty, devotion, faithfulness.

1 Kings 17:15-16 (NLT) So she did as Elijah said, and she and Elijah and her son continued to eat from her supply of flour and oil for many days. [16] For no matter how much they used, there was always enough left in the containers, just as the Lord had promised through Elijah.

Matthew 25:35 + 40 (NLT) [35] For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. [40] And the King will tell them, 'I assure you, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'

_____ the Cost!

What is worth _____ on God over?

The deeper you dig, the greater _____ your life makes.

Ephes. 4:30 (NLT) And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live...

Matthew 23:11 (NLT) The greatest among you must be a servant.