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# ELIJAH: STANDING STRONG FOR TRUTH

## Showdown: Redemption of King Ahab

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1 Kings 18

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Baal-ites	Elijah
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### Going Deeper

#### Day 1: 1 Kings 18

- This was our passage on Sunday. Many of us want to view ourselves in the heroes' shoes... in this case, allegedly Elijah himself is far from perfect. The only true hero is God himself. Which character(s) do you most resemble?

#### Day 2: Leviticus 1

- The book of Leviticus gives the rules for worship of the Lord God. In fact, the theme of the book is 'holiness' which we might apply as "God alone gets to decide how he is to be worshiped." In what ways would the burnt offering sacrifice encourage/challenge the faith of an Israelite? How does it provide for the community of Israel? How does it point forward to Christ?

#### Day 3: Genesis 29

- In the midst of family strife, Jacob leaves his family with a mixture of blessings and curses. Jacob is responsible for the enmity, having sinned against his brother and family. In what ways can you see a similar mixture of good and bad in your own life? How do you reconcile the reality of physical consequences with the intervention of a supernatural God?

#### Day 4: Genesis 32-33

- Jacob returns home, but fearful of his brother (who sought to kill him on his departure) he takes certain precautions. It seems as though one of these precautions is confronting (praying to?) God. In what ways do your personal struggles or perceived fears lead you to God? How have those interactions altered you?

#### Day 5: Exodus 19

- Moses leads the people from Egypt into the wilderness. Their first stop is Mt. Sinai where God will confirm his covenant with the people he has just redeemed. As in the question for day 1, whom do you most resemble?

#### Day 6: 1 Kings 12

- The united nation of Israel splits. The [seemingly] righteous Jeroboam takes the majority of tribes and leaves the [seemingly] wicked Rehoboam the sole tribe of Judah. Often earthly wisdom appears to be righteousness, and we choose it over faithfulness to God. [God had commanded that Israel should follow after the family line of King David in Jerusalem.] In what ways are you currently tempted to soften faithfulness for 'wisdom'?