

STEPS ON THE WAY TO **GREATNESS** **1 Kings 17:2-7 (Elijah)**

Step #1 - Before you ascend to greatness (Carmel) you often must descend to smallness (Cherith)

“Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ‘Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan.’” 1 Kings 17:2-3

John 15:1-2

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Step #2 - Learn to take one step at a time

“Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying...” 1 Kings 17:2

Please feel free to come down to the front for prayer after service.

“...pray for one another...” James 5:16

Acts 9:1-6

Step #3 - We must learn the value of the hidden life

“Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan.”

1 Kings 17:3

Matthew 6:6

Step #4 - Learn to trust God absolutely in God’s “there”

“Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ‘Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.’”

1 Kings 17:2-4

Exodus 17:5-6

Matthew 4:4

Step #5 - Don’t be shocked by opposite outcomes

“So he went and did according to the word of the Lord, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook. And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.”

1 Kings 17:5-7

Why does God allow streams of blessing to dry up?

God allows streams of blessing to dry up because of being out of God’s will or because of sin in our life. (Jonah 4)

God allows streams of blessing to dry up as a testimony to God’s work in our hearts.

God allows streams of blessing to dry up to prepare us for a great future.

Lastly, God “wants to teach us not to trust in His gifts but in Himself...”

F.B. Meyer

“And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.”

Revelation 22:1