

Faith Christian Fellowship
Sunday, November 27, 2016
The Days of Elijah
8: Plead the Case

TEXT: James 5:17-18 / 1 Kings 17:15-24 / Ez. 22:30

This is a year of desiring Fresh fire. The Lord spoke to me through a song: **“These are the days of Elijah.” Why did the Lord say “Elijah” to us right now?** We are looking at the implications of Elijah for us in the New Covenant. and especially in this hour. In the case of the widow at Zarephath, we began to learn about the prayer of intercession.

Help a friend get their miracle. Elijah’s responses to her complaint: He grabbed the problem, he pled the case, and he stayed the course. We are learning to intercede for others effectively. Last time – Give me Your Son – taking their place in the Spirit, Today, Plead the case

- 1) This widow helped me
 - a) Elijah went to God based on relationships with God and her.
 - b) This was not the prayer of faith from Mark 11:24. This is prayer on behalf of another. Isaiah 43:25-26
 - c) As children of God, we can plead the case of another
 - Go to the Word for the will of God, then to the throne to make intercession.
 - Stand against the devil for someone else, take authority in the Name and use the Word as our weapon. Ephesians 6:17 (Note V.18. The armor for praying)
- 2) Elijah had standing.
 - a) Recognize that in any situation where you are praying for someone else, there are multiple variables (history, seed sown, divine judgments, physics, the will of people, etc.).
 - b) There is a legal term called “standing” in a case or a lawsuit: *The legally protectible stake or interest that an individual has in a dispute that entitles him to bring the controversy before the court to obtain judicial relief.*
 - c) Elijah had standing in this boy’s case:
 - He was a friend of the boy
 - The mother asked him for help
 - He had a scriptural argument – She should reap the benefit of this obedience.

- d) When we don’t see results it may be that those with standing in the person’s life are not agreed. It is possible to impact someone’s will through intercession, but God does not abridge a person’s will lightly. You will need standing and a good case.
 - e) When we enter into a prayer project, it is important to establish standing in the case.
 - Who has the strongest spiritual authority in the matter?
 - Get in agreement with them if at all possible.
 - At the very least get them to ask for prayer.
 - f) Lines of authority are important in the Spirit.
 - Parents: If you want to get kids healed, at least appeal to the parents for permission. Eph 6:1-4
 - Spices: My wife has a direct line to Heaven on my behalf second to none. We are **ONE!** Eph 5:31 / 1 Pet 3:7
 - Spiritual leaders: Your Pastor has a particular standing in your life. Get your leaders praying for you! Eph 1:15-16
 - Covenant partners. – your church: other members, your leaders. 1 Cor 12:12-13 / Romans 15:30-32
 - The more specific and direct the line of authority, the greater standing we have in a situation.
- 3) Examples of pleading the case:
- a) Moses was a frequent intercessor for Israel and for individuals. Psalms 106:23 / Ex 32:10-14 / Num 14:12-23 / 12:13
 - b) New Testament: Acts 4:24-34
 - c) Abraham is the prototype: Gen 18:16-33
- Pick a person and plead their case:**
- Appeal to our Covenant
 - (1) The standing of the individual
 - (2) Your connection or authority in the person’s life
 - (3) The will of God revealed in the Word
 - Appeal to the nature of God
 - Appeal to the good of the kingdom
 - Pray in the Spirit and follow the unction