

**Faith Christian Fellowship**  
**Sunday, November 20, 2016**  
**The Days of Elijah**  
**7: Give Me Your Son**

**TEXT:** James 5:17-18 / 1 Kings 17:15-24 /

John 15:13 NLT There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

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. Last time we saw the times we live in, our own humanity, the need for right NT motives, and our desperate need for Elijah-like results. We went *Cherith* to hide by the creek, then the brook dried up, and we found the importance of getting our priorities right in the evil day. We looked at the Church being Elijah our day politically. Last time we saw what to do when our faith doesn't seem to be working.

Today, back to Zarepheth to help a friend get her miracle.

Many will never receive on their own. They need us to carry them. This is intercession. Note that this is the ministry that Jesus carries out for us. Hebrews 7:25 NLT Therefore He is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through Him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf.

Notice Elijah's responses to her complaint: He grabbed the problem, he pled the case, and he stayed the course. We are going to learn to intercede for others effectively.

1. "Give me your son"

- a. He was willing to take the burden off her shoulders, though she was emotional and blaming him. Many good people are being crushed by the burdens of their lives. They can't make it through on their own. **They don't need another faith sermon, they need someone to help carry the load.**
- b. Romans 8:26--we often have no idea exactly how to pray or even what to pray for in specific terms, but the Spirit knows.
- c. **The Spirit makes intercession for us:** to intercede is to speak on behalf of another, to take the place of another. The Holy Spirit will allow us to speak on behalf of another. He will allow us to stand before God and plead, and before the devil and fight.
  - i. Being touched with the feelings of the infirmities of another (as is Jesus our Intercessor (Heb 4:15). This is one way we bear the infirmities of the weak Romans 15:1.

- ii. I may feel a sense separation from God when praying for the lost or backslidden. This is not my separation, but I can pray through on behalf of another. I am to pray for the wandering one, not talk about him: 1 John 5:16 / James 5:19-20 (a brother's backsliding should break my heart, not make me mad at him)
- iii. I may actually feel pain or physical discomfort when God prompts me to pray for the illness of another. In interceding for them I must continue earnestly in prayer until I get a sense of release. (some will never be healed without our intercession)

2. **We can pray when we don't know how.**

- a. He does it in language that is not in intelligible, human speech.
- b. Be faithful to use that wonderful prayer language that God has given you: 1 Cor 14:2,4, 14-15.

3. He helps our weaknesses:

- a. Weaknesses = lack of strength or ability. He will take hold with us to overcome our weaknesses in order to make intercession according to the will of God
- b. Helpeth = *sunantilambanomato* take hold of opposite together. He grabs the load with us and helps us carry it.
- c. You can feel (not an emotion, a spiritual connection) when He grabs on with you. Just like when someone comes along side to help you push your car.
- d. **He takes hold together with us against the burdens of others.**
- e. Many different spiritual promptings as we pray. As you pray, be sensitive to the Spirit in you, His Spirit influencing your spirit. (Again, not just an emotion, but spiritual unction)
  - i. Burdens: Romans 9:1-2 / Zech 9:1
  - ii. Compassion: Matthew 9:35-36
  - iii. A sense of dis – ease. II Cor. 11:1-3; 12:20
  - iv. A holy anger or disgust: Acts 17:16
- f. When the Spirit moves, go with Him. Pray it out, cry it out, groan it out, or speak it out. Don't quit until He does.

**We give too much attention to method and machinery and resources, and too little to the source of power."**

Hudson Taylor