



*"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."* **Matthew 19:26** (ESV)

## POTENTIALLY LIFE CHANGING POSSIBILITY POINTS TO PONDER

**1. God is \_\_\_\_\_ in my \_\_\_\_\_.**

- **He may have \_\_\_\_\_.**

*And then this happened: Elijah the Tishbite, from among the settlers of Gilead, confronted Ahab: "As surely as GOD lives, the God of Israel before whom I stand in obedient service, the next years are going to see a total drought--not a drop of dew or rain unless I say otherwise."* **1 Kings 17: 1** (MP)

- **He at least \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **He absolutely wants to \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **He is my best hope to get \_\_\_\_\_.**

*So don't throw away your bold faith. It will bring you rich rewards. <sup>36</sup> You need to be faithful. Then you will do what God wants. You will receive what he has promised.*

**Hebrews 10:35-36** (NLT)

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ God is required to \_\_\_\_\_ my possibilities.**

*GOD then told Elijah, <sup>3</sup> "Get out of here, and fast. Head east and hide out at the Kerith Ravine on the other side of the Jordan River. <sup>4</sup> You can drink fresh water from the brook; I've ordered the ravens to feed you."* **1 Kings 17: 2-4** (MP)

*I could speak of faith bringing women their loved ones back from death...*

**Hebrews 11:35** (VOICE)

**Listening + Obeying = \_\_\_\_\_ vs. Listening + Disobeying = \_\_\_\_\_**

**3. Assistance may come from a \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ I least expect.**

*Then GOD spoke to him: <sup>9</sup> "Get up and go to Zarephath in Sidon and live there. I've instructed a woman who lives there, a widow, to feed you."* **1 Kings 17: 1** (MP)

*...face the truth: hometowns always reject their homegrown prophets. <sup>25</sup> Think back to the prophet Elijah. There were many needy Jewish widows in his*

homeland, Israel, when a terrible famine persisted there for three and a half years.<sup>26</sup> Yet the only widow God sent Elijah to help was an outsider from Zarephath in Sidon. **Luke 4:24-26** (VOICE)

#### 4. Positive change may require me to act \_\_\_\_\_.

So Elijah went to Zarephath. As he arrived... he saw a widow gathering sticks, and he asked her, "Would you please bring me a little water in a cup?"<sup>11</sup> As she was going to get it, he called to her, "Bring me a bite of bread, too."<sup>12</sup> 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."<sup>13</sup> But Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid! Go ahead and do just what you've said, but make a little bread for me first. Then use what's left to prepare a meal for yourself and your son. **1 Kings 17: 10-13** (NLT)

- There is a divine link between my possibilities and my \_\_\_\_\_.

For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: There will always be flour and olive oil left in your containers until the time when the LORD sends rain and the crops grow again!"<sup>15</sup> So she did as Elijah said, and she and Elijah and her family continued to eat for many days.<sup>16</sup> There was always enough flour and olive oil left in the containers, just as the LORD had promised through Elijah. **1 Kings 17:14-16** (NLT)

"But put God's kingdom first. Do what he wants you to do. Then all of those things will also be given to you. **Matthew 6:33** (NIRV)

The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives

**Deuteronomy 14:23b** (TLB)

#### 5. Faith must \_\_\_\_\_ fear for my possibilities to win out.

But Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid! **1 Kings 17: 13a** (NLT)

- Fear can cause me to forget what God has \_\_\_\_\_.

Then GOD spoke to him:<sup>9</sup> "Get up and go to Zarephath in Sidon and live there. I've instructed a woman who lives there, a widow, to feed you." **1 Kings 17: 1** (MP)

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Later on the woman's son became sick. The sickness took a turn for the worse--and then he stopped breathing.<sup>18</sup> The woman said to Elijah, "Why did you ever show up here in the first place--a holy man barging in, exposing my sins, and killing my son?"

**1 Kings 17: 17-18** (MP)

"Stop being afraid! Just keep on believing." **Mark 6:36** (ISV)

The one who is in the right will live by faith. If he pulls back, I will not be pleased with him."<sup>39</sup> But we aren't people who pull back and are destroyed. We are people who believe and are saved. **Hebrews 10:35-39** (NLT)