



## The Honest Stories of Men from the Bible

### Elijah - 1 Kings 19

*Elijah wanted to die yet he had a very successful ministry. Explain that to me.*

1. When Elijah started his ministry as a prophet for God, he had to go face a very **unpleasant person**. Who was it? (1 Kings 17:1) \_\_\_\_\_
2. After he delivered the message as instructed by God, God told him to hit the road and hide. What was the **bad news**? (1 Kings 17:2)  
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3. If it wasn't enough that he had to leave town and travel far away, **one more problem occurred**. What was it? (1 Kings 17:5-7) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Then, he had to move again to a rather **unpleasant & undesirable place**. Where was that? (1 Kings 17:8-10) \_\_\_\_\_
5. In this unpleasant place, he had to **ask for help** from someone. Who was this someone? (1 Kings 17:11-12) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Fortunately, he was able to help this person. He was probably happy to have something good happen. What help did he give? (1 Kings 17:13-16)  
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7. Just when things seemed good at the house, **one more problem occurred**. What happened? (1 Kings 17:17) \_\_\_\_\_
8. Fortunately, he was able to help this person again. However, how did he feel about this **unpleasant situation**? (1 Kings 17:19-22)  
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*Elijah was a godly man, and he followed the Lord's instructions and guidance. However, along the way he had to deal with nasty people, tell people bad news, go to crummy places where he did not want to be, experience an unexpected problem, have another unexpected problem, need to ask some poor, lowly person for help, and then find himself in some terrible situations.*

9. Have you experienced times in your life like this? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. On his way back to see King Ahab again, he certainly had problems on his mind; yet, he had to listen to **somebody else's problems**. "I got things to do; I don't need this." Who was the person that he encountered on the road? (1 Kings 18:1-16) \_\_\_\_\_
11. He was trying to get back to Ahab as the Lord instructed him. He was **verbally assaulted** by Ahab. What was said? (1 Kings 18:17-18)
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13. Then, Elijah faced one of the most **challenging & potentially scary** events in all of the Bible. What was that? (1 Kings 18:20-40)
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*I know. God had it all under control, but that contest would have scared me into a panic attack. After that Mt. Carmel event, he did share good news that it was going to rain. That should have made everybody happy.*

14. Not Queen Jezebel. She did not express any gladness about the rain. What made her mad? (1 Kings 19:1) \_\_\_\_\_

*Now, Elijah finds the **entire government** of Israel's Northern Kingdom after him, with the **intent to kill him**. That could make you feel like being dead, I guess. However, Elijah has not behaved like a fearful man up to now. Why would he start now?*

15. Y N Is it possible that Elijah was **disappointed with God** that the miracles on Mt. Carmel did not accomplish anything?
16. Y N Could Elijah feel that **his own life has been a waste of time**, and had not helped overcome idolatry?
17. Y N Could he be angry that **things have not turned out the way he thought they should?**

*Do you sincerely believe that God is in control? God knows He is in control.*

18. God thought that Elijah did fine through it all; he was faithful and obedient. What did God say next? (1 Kings 19:15)

"Go \_\_\_\_\_ on your \_\_\_\_\_." Let's go; we're done here.

*Elijah went out and found Elisha. No more "I want to die; life stinks.": NO! Life is tough but God's power in my life is tougher.*

19. Any comments? \_\_\_\_\_
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