

Come Rain or Shine: Drought

Surviving the dry seasons

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1. Invincible faith is sometimes invisible.

And Elijah said to Ahab, "Go, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain." So Ahab went off to eat and drink, but Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees. "Go and look toward the sea," he told his servant. And he went up and looked. "There is nothing there," he said. 1 Kings 18:41-43 NIV

2. Earthly persistence is part of the heavenly process.

Seven times Elijah said, "Go back." 1 Kings 18:43 NIV

To obey is better than sacrifice... 1 Samuel 15:22 NIV

3. Choose to be encouraged by the small things.

The seventh time the servant reported, "A cloud as **small as a man's hand** is rising from the sea." So Elijah said, "Go and tell Ahab, 'Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.'" Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain started falling and Ahab rode off to Jezreel. The power of the Lord came on Elijah and, tucking his cloak into his belt, he ran ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel. 1 Kings 18:44-46 NIV

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What have you heard but not yet seen? In other words, what stirrings are in your heart that you haven't yet seen fulfilled? What promises of God are you desiring to experience?
2. In what ways can your spiritual persistence be improved?
3. What "small clouds" are visible in your life right now, that you trust will lead to greater things?