

Alone but not Alone #2

## God's Handprint of Faithfulness

### Word

#### Scripture Reference

1 Kings 17:7-16

#### Discussion Questions

1. What is it in your life that you have started well and finished well? Share with the group.
2. In the midst of danger and uncertainties, God's handprints of protection and provision were evidently demonstrated to Elijah. God used the ravens and the brook to provide for his needs. However, the brook dried up because of the severe drought happening then. God told Elijah to go somewhere else. Read 1 Kings 17:7-16. How did God continue to provide for his needs? Describe the woman and her condition that God used to provide for him (v. 10-12). Share with the group how God has been providing for your needs.
3. The widow who believed in the living God was willing to give up everything she had for Elijah. You are also called to give up for God your most prized possession – your life. Would you be willing to give your last meal to a stranger? Why or why not? But could you give your life to God who gave His Son to die for you to save you from your sin so that you can have an eternal life? Discuss the ways you can give your life to God. What hinders Christians from 'giving up' their lives to God?
4. As the widow probably struggled to give up her last meal, Elijah made a promise to her (v. 13-14). What was the promise? Would you believe this promise if someone asked you to give him or her your money? Discuss why it is hard to believe in the promises of others. Why are contracts or collaterals necessary in dealings with others?
5. The widow believed Elijah. In spite of drought, she was not angry with God. You, too, have to learn to believe in God's promises. If God asked you to give to Him your prized possession, which is your life, how would you respond? When the Lord Jesus promised an abundant life (John 10:10), what kind of

life did He mean? What does living under His Lordship mean? What's the connection between believing His promises and finishing well?

6. God's handprint of faithfulness seen in His promises (v.15-16). Describe how the promise was fulfilled and God's faithfulness was seen in the widow's life and her son. What characters of God show you that He is faithful and fulfills His promises?

### Walk

*Living for Jesus, a life that is true, Striving to please Him in all that I do; Yielding allegiance, gladhearted and free, This is the pathway of blessing for me. Refrain: O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee, For Thou, in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me; I own no other Master, my heart shall be Thy throne; My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.*

It is sad that instead of giving one's life to God, believing in His promises and seeing His faithfulness in them, a lot of Christians would rather worry about the future. Look at your life right now. See what areas of your life you need to fully commit to Him. What are the promises of God that you should live out so that instead of worrying you will enjoy the process of getting there and finishing well?

### Worship & Prayer

*Our Loving Heavenly Father, It is amazing how You use ordinary people to teach me timeless truths that allows me to know You more and live a life that can experience Your faithfulness. I thank You for the life of this widow who have shown what it means to trust You, to the extent of giving up the most prized possession she had, which is her life, and even at the risk of her son's life. I do recognize Lord that, even though I say that I believe in You, I still often lack faith in Your promises, which has caused me to miss out Your handprints of faithfulness in my life. I pray Lord that You would help me strive to live under Your lordship and that I can respond in faith to You in whatever You ask of me, without question, condition or "collaterals." May I pursue this life fully committed to finishing well in light of trusting Your promises and seeing Your handprints of faithfulness. In Christ name I pray, Amen.*