

The World Spins Madly On

Week 1: How God Prepares

CCV Groups Discussion Guide

Opening Question:

- Ashley challenged us this weekend to think about radical obedience. What does that mean for you and how were you challenged by it?

Groups [Video Guide](#)

Read again:

- [1 Kings chapter 17](#)

Discuss:

- What is the hardest thing you have ever had to wait for?
- In your experience, what lessons are learned from waiting? What character traits are developed when we must wait?
- Do you think it is harder for successful people to wait? Why or why not? Reflect on a time when you had success and then had to wait right afterward.
- What price(s) did Elijah have to pay to be such an influential person?

Prayer:

Reflecting on the bold prayer of Elijah in verses 19-24, what is something so crazy bold to pray about you almost can't even mention it?

Scriptures:

- **Luke 4:25-26**, "I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon."
- **Matthew 24:13**, "But the one who endures to the end will be saved."
- **Romans 8:28-30**, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified."
- **John 9:4**, "We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work."
- **Ephesians 2:10**, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."
- **2 Timothy 2:15**, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."
- **1 Peter 1:13**, "Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."
- **Malachi 3:1**, "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts."

- **Malachi 4:5-6**, “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”