

## SERVING GOD AGAINST ALL ODDS

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**BIG IDEA:** Learn principles of serving God through the event when Elijah challenged the false prophets.

FOMO: Do I serve God? How do I serve God? Why do I serve God?

### Key Elements

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#### 1. Why did Elijah do that? (1 Kings 18:20-35)

- a. Elijah challenges 450 false prophets [22]
- b. Elijah repaired the altar of the Lord [32]
- c. Elijah requested to pour wafer on offering and on the wood [33]

#### 2. How did Elijah have such faith and courage (1 Kings 17:1-24)

The cycle of **TOE**:

- a. **T**rust in the words of God
- b. **O**bey the words of God
- c. **E**xperience the words and provisions of God
- d. ... repeat ...

#### 3. Elijah served God and experience victory in God

- a. People turned to God
- b. Truth revealed
- c. Hope of nation restored

#### 4. Take aways from Elijah's event

- a. Rely on God & His power  
as source of strength when serving God
- b. Run toward God's Will  
as direction of ministry when serving God
- c. Rejoice in God glorified  
as purpose of ministry when serving God

### Challenges:

1. Do I serve God?
2. How do I serve God?
3. Why do I serve God?

“How long will you waver between two opinions?  
If the Lord is God, follow him ...” (1 Kings 18:21)