



Seeking the Holy Spirit: The Way Up Is the Way Down

1 Kings 17:1-16

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We view any series of unfortunate events as being “cursed” and any of superficially good circumstance as “blessed.” However, many of the biblical characters we consider successful endured humbling and humiliating events before becoming the leader, prophet, or missionary for which they are best known. By experience, they understand that “The Way Up,” often begins when we are at our lowest. In Elijah’s initiation to ministry, he discovers ***The Way Down Includes...***

I. D _____ (v. 1)

“Adulteresses! Don’t you know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? So whoever wants to be the world’s friend becomes God’s enemy.” James 4:4

II. D _____ (vv. 2-7)

“But He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.’ Therefore, I will most gladly boast all the more about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may reside in me.” 2 Corinthians 12:9

III. D _____ (vv. 8-16)

“And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19

“So he answered me, ‘This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: “Not by strength or by might, but by My Spirit,” says the LORD of Hosts. ⁷“What are you, great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain. And he will bring out the capstone accompanied by shouts of: Grace, grace to it!”’” Zechariah 4:6-7