



Sonrise Church—Upcoming Events

June 2 Communion Sunday

Leadership TEAM Meeting June 12, 5:30 p.m.

Women in the Word

Bible Study Saturday

June 15, at 10 a.m.

FATHER'S DAY BBQ POTLUCK

June 16th following the morning service.

Men's Bible Study Saturday

June 22, 9. a.m.

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The Back Story, or the Story before the Story.

- ♦ Elijah is serving as the prophet of the Lord to the Northern Kingdom or Israel. The wicked king, Ahab, has come to the throne and displeased God.
- ♦ Elijah says that God has chosen to withhold rain from the land until he tells Elijah it will return. So, in fear of the king, Elijah hides and is fed by Ravens.
- ♦ Each morning and evening, they brought him bread and meat, and Elijah drank from the Kerith Brook.
- ♦ The miracle of the flour and Oil followed by the raising of the widow's son back to life.
- ♦ The contest on Mount Carmel with 450 prophets of Baal.
- ♦ Elijah then prayed for rain... it has been 3.5 years since it has rained.

Scripture Text: 1 Kings 18.41-46



Accurate Hearing

- ◆ The righteous have the _____ of being heard.
- ◆ Psalm 77.1: "My voice rises to God, and I will cry aloud; My voice rises to God, and He will _____ ."
- ◆ The wicked are _____ to listen.
- ◆ Isaiah 42.12: " _____ , you stubborn-minded, Who are far from righteousness."
- ◆ How you respond _____ on who you are.
- ◆ Jeremiah 2.31: "O generation, _____ of the LORD. Have I been a wilderness to Israel, Or a land of thick darkness? Why do My people say, 'We are free to roam; We will no longer come to You'?"



This week we saw the ABCs of Seeding the Clouds. These were: Accurate Hearing; Believing Persistence; Courageous Prayer. How are these applied in the following instances? What key fact can you learn from each one that will help strengthen your life in Christ? Use your sermon outline for each of the ABCs to help you search for the depth of the lesson here.

Monday: Read 1 Samuel 1.1-28 Hanna prays for a son.

Tuesday: Read Luke 18.1-8 The persistent widow.

Wednesday: Read 2 Corinthians 12.7-10 Paul prays to have his eyes healed.

Thursday: Read Daniel 6.1-28 Daniel in the face of persecution for his faith.

Friday: Read Matthew 26.36-46 Jesus in the Garden just before His arrest. (Remember Jesus knew what was going to happen and had carried this load for 33 years.)

BONUS: Read Acts 16.22-30 Paul and Silas in Jail. Adding to the above lesson questions, what can we learn about the purpose of suffering and persecution from this lesson.

Win the Day

7 Week Review

- 1) **Flip the Script:** Don't let the world write your life story, depend on God for that.
- 2) **Kiss the Wave:** Face your fears, Find your faith, and Feed on Forgiveness with Jesus.
- 3) **Eat the Frog:** Make God's priorities your priorities.
- 4) **Fly the Kite:** Being faithful in the small stuff will prepare you for the big stuff.
- 5) **Cut the Rope:** Setting yourself free from FEAR, FAILURE & FRIDAY!
- 6) **Wind the Clock:** Time is LIMITED, but eternity is TIMELESS. Make all preparations to spend eternity with Jesus.
- 7) **Seed the Clouds:** Sow Today to harvest tomorrow
- 8) **A _____**: Provide shade for someone in the future.

Accurate Hearing

- ◆ The _____ of hearing the voice of God.
- ◆ John 10.27-28: "My sheep HEAR MY VOICE, and I know them, and they follow Me, and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand."
- ◆ The _____ of what happens when you hear and do not listen.
- ◆ Hebrews 3.7-8: "Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says, "TODAY _____ YOU _____ DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED MEAS IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS,"

Believing Persistence

- ◆ Seven is the number for _____ in the Word of God. From the creation in Genesis 1 to the judgment scene in Revelation. When you get to seven, something is definitely completed.
- ◆ Seven times a day, I praise You, Because of Your righteous ordinances. Psalm 119.164
- ◆ The number SEVEN when seeding clouds is a basic _____ .
- ◆ You _____ until you are done, and God answers, not before.
- ◆ You are _____ for what you _____ , not for what you start. Ezekiel 18



Believing Persistence

- ◆ I want to focus on three performance incidents showing the believer's persistence.
- ◆ The Israelites circle Jericho _____ days; on the _____ day they circle the city _____ times. Joshua 6.
- ◆ Naaman dips himself in the Jordan River _____ times to be cured of leprosy. II Kings 4.
- ◆ Elijah prays for rain _____ times. 1 Kings 18.

Courageous Prayer

- ◆ Now when Daniel _____ that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he _____ kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing _____. Daniel 6.10

Courageous Prayer

1. Courageous Prayer is _____ PRAYER.
2. Courageous Prayer is _____ PRAYER.
3. Courageous Prayer is _____ PRAYER.



Courageous Prayer

- ◆ Matthew 7.7-8 " _____ , and it will be given to you; " _____ , and you will find; " _____ , and it will be opened to you. "For everyone who " _____ receives, and he who " _____ finds, and to him who " _____ it will be opened.
- ◆ These are 'PRESENT IMPERATIVE VERBS.' These are considered command words or " _____ verbs." They are telling you what to do and how to do it.
 - ◆ You ask, and you _____ asking.
 - ◆ You seek, and you _____ seeking.
 - ◆ You knock, and you _____ knocking.