

INTEGRATED STUDY

Elijah

The Lord worked many miracles through Elijah

Caused rain to cease in Israel for 3 ½ years (1 Kings 17:1)

Multiplied a widows grain and oil (1 Kings 17:8-16)

Raised the widows son from the dead (1 Kings 17:17-24)

Called fire from heaven on top of Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18:36-38)

Caused it to rain again after 3 ½ years of drought (1 Kings 18:44-46)

Called fire from heaven on another 51 soldiers (2 Kings 1:12)

Parted the Jordan river (2 Kings 2:8)

Caught up to heaven with a chariot of fire (2 Kings 2:11)

Appeared with Moses and Jesus (Matt 17:3)

What courage is NOT

¹ Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” ³ Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. ⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.”

1 Kings 19:1-4 (ESV)

Courage is not the absence of fear.

What courage is

¹¹ Then He said, “Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

1 Kings 19:11-12 (NKJV)

Courage is obedience to the Word of God despite our fear.

Not our will but God's Will

¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

James 5:17-18 (ESV)

Elijah was just a human like us. Yet the Lord was able to mighty things through him.

Obedience to
the Word of
God, despite
fear

How will you be a doer of the Word,
and not just a hearer only?

James 1:22