

A Lesson about Commitment

Read 1 Kings 18: 20-40

Introduction

Have you ever had someone who was deeply committed to you? Hopefully, if you're married, your spouse is committed to your marriage. A friend may have a deep commitment to your friendship. Your siblings or parents might be committed to their relationship with you, but that's not always the case.

In our culture, commitment is sometimes hard to find. We aren't always willing to be "all in" for our friends, our family, and our church. Commitments get broken, and people get hurt as a result.

Commitment means including God in all aspects of your life, not just in some things. And full commitment is not a loss; it's an investment. If invested in the right thing, the payoff is worth the price. "Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." (James 1:4) Growing in your commitment to God and others is growing in spiritual maturity.

God is completely committed to you, and He is looking for wholehearted followers who are completely committed to Him. He wants all of you. When you make that commitment, you'll find that, like Elijah, you'll be blessed.

Getting Started

1. What one point resonated with you from this morning's sermon?
2. In verse 21, Elijah asks the people to make a commitment—to either God or Baal. But they say nothing. What were they "saying" with their silence?
3. In this passage (1 Kings 18: 20-40), we read about a "throw down" of sorts between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. What happened? What surprises you about this encounter? What does this passage tell us about God's power?

Let's Get Personal

1. Some people make God their "spare tire." What do you think that means? Have you ever been tempted to see God as your "spare tire"? What did that look like?
2. Where do you want to see more of God? What can you do to make that happen?

Take the Next Step

1. God wants you to go "all in" to see all of Him. What does that mean? How will you respond?
2. What is one small step you could take to deepen your commitment to God?

Renew Your Mind

Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him." But the people said nothing. 1 Kings 18:21
