

FAITH

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1 KINGS 17:1-16

Everyone has _____.

Faith is _____.

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What is your one act of _____?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

1. What is the scariest or most impressive stunt you've ever seen a human accomplish?
2. Who do you look up to as an example of the kind of faith you would like to have one day?
3. Explain the context for Elijah and the drought. Why did Elijah declare that there would be no rain (1 Kings 17:1)? How does that raise the question of where the people of Israel put their faith?
4. Elijah tells the widow, "Don't be afraid" in 1 Kings 17:13. What kinds of things do we fear when it comes to trusting God with our money? For you, what is the thing you worry about most with regard to money.
5. When Elijah asks the widow to feed him her last meal (1 Kings 17:13), how is that not a cruel question? Why is that not a religious leader exploiting a person in poverty?
6. Look for the repeating phrase in this passage that refers to "the word of the Lord" or something God says. Why is it so important to base your faith, especially related to money, on what God says (rather than on what you think or wish were true)?
7. Read 1 Kings 17:15-16. The widow uses up all her flour and oil each day, but it never runs out. This is great, but why didn't God just give her all the flour and oil she needed up front? Why do it daily, rather than in a lump sum?
8. What are the experiences in your life that have most stretched your faith?
9. Is there a repeated activity in your life that is helping you exercise your faith muscles on a regular basis?
10. Why is what we do with our money particularly powerful in growing our faith?
11. Brainstorm a list of courageous acts of generosity that you might want to do. These should be things that you can pull off right now, but also feel stretching. Which one do you think you could do first?

PRAYER PROMPT: Take time to pray out loud for your act of courageous generosity. Pray for the faith to follow through on it and for the impact of the generosity on both you and others. If you don't have one in mind yet, pray for God to show you what he wants you to do.