

A Lesson in Confidence

Following 101 Part 1

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“But even after all he did, you refused to trust the Lord your God, who goes before you looking for the best places...”

Deuteronomy 1:32-33a NLT

God wants His BEST for you.

The 1st Problem:

- Many of us aren't so confident God wants the BEST.

The 2nd Problem:

- Jesus' invitation is *“follow me.”*

Thread: The good that God wants to do for you is on the other side of trust.

“Then Elijah said to Ahab, ‘Go get something to eat and drink, for I hear a mighty rainstorm coming!’ So Ahab went to eat and drink. But Elijah climbed to the top of Mount Carmel and bowed low to the ground and prayed with his face between his knees. Then he said to his servant, ‘Go and look out toward the sea.’ The servant went and looked, then returned to Elijah and said, ‘I didn’t see anything.’ Seven times Elijah told him to go and look. Finally the seventh time, his servant told him, ‘I saw a little cloud about the size of a man’s hand rising from the sea.’ Then Elijah shouted, ‘Hurry to Ahab and tell him, ‘Climb into your chariot and go back home. If you don’t hurry, the rain will stop you!’ And soon the sky was black with clouds. A heavy wind brought a terrific rainstorm, and Ahab left quickly for Jezreel.” **1 Kings 18:41-45 NLT**

Waiting on God’s timing is GOOD for me.

- What are you waiting on?

Elijah trusted in God’s Timing.

- Elijah knew what God wanted to do, because he had already made it clear to him.

The question now is:

- When will God bring this about?

Elijah trusted God, so he could recognize the YES/NO sooner.

What has God began to answer for you?

Elijah trusted God, so he experienced the excitement and the resolve of God’s answer.

Elijah needed someone to help him.

Challenge:

- Are you refusing to trust God? Why?
- What do you need to trust Him with as He leads you to His best?

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