

# Elijah: Tug of War between Doubt and Faith

**Text:** 1 Kings 18:16-40

**Purpose:** To recognize and identify the idols in our lives, so we can compare them to our God who will ultimately fulfill us.

**Opening Question:** *When was the last time you were ripped off?*

**Read and Discuss: 1 Kings 18:16-18**

1. *Why is it often difficult for us to own responsibility for the wrong we have done?*
2. *Has there ever been a time when you put blame on someone else for your irresponsible behavior? Why is it so easy to blame others? What are the dangers of putting blame on other people?*

**Read and Discuss: 1 Kings 18:19-21**

3. *What are some of the things in your life that could be a distraction from God?*
4. *When do you realize something in your life has become an idol and has replaced God? What are some of the warning signs?*
5. *How do idols rob us of God's joy?*

**Read and Discuss: 1 Kings 18:22-29**

6. *Why are false gods so easy to worship and serve? What makes them attractive?*
7. *What are some possible idols/false gods that you wrestle with? What are some ways that you can remember their insignificance and God's significance?*