



FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH | LIFE NOTES

FORK IN THE ROAD: WEEK 1

SYNOPSIS OF SERIES

Are you longing for greater impact for Christ? A great way to grow in our spiritual influence is by learning from the lives and examples of Godly men and women who have gone before us. The prophet Elijah had a profound influence on his generation. In his day, Israel was a dark place: evil kings ruled, pagan gods were worshipped, life was cheap, morality didn't matter... it seemed as if everyone had forgotten Yahweh, the God of Israel. It was in this environment that God raised-up the prophet Elijah to be his voice. Though very imperfect, unqualified, and unrefined, Elijah had an enormous spiritual impact. No one could be around the prophet for very long, before they found themselves making a decision for or against the God of Israel. Elijah was a fork in the road.

GETTING STARTED

Missionary Jim Elliott once wrote this prayer in his journal: "Father, make of me a crisis man. Bring those I contact to a point of decision. Make of me a fork in the road, that men must turn one way or another on facing Christ in me." Who has been 'a fork in the road' in your life?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read 1st Kings 17:1-5

"Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.

Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah: "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there." So he did what the Lord had told him."

1. What can we learn about Elijah from these verses?
2. From Sunday's message, can you recall the meaning of his name? How is his name especially significant in light of the times in which he lived?
3. What do we know about King Ahab? (Read 1st Kings 16:30 and 21:25-26)
4. Pastor Steve listed five characteristics of 'fork in the road people.' How many of these traits do you see in Elijah? Are there other's that you would add?

Fork in the road people...

- Hold a high view of God
 - Possess a powerful notion of sinfulness
 - Feel a strong sense of urgency
 - Are familiar with pain and testing
 - Expect great things from God and the Gospel
5. At Foothills, our mission is to "Live and Love like Jesus." Which of these 'fork in the road' qualities do you readily see in Jesus?

WRAPPING IT UP

Read the prayer of Jim Elliott together in unison, and make it your own.