

Road Trip (part #6)

UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY

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“Elijah-The Troublemaker”

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the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.”

But the people said nothing.—**1 Kings 18:21**

Even Godly Troublemakers Become Troubled!

1 Kings 16:29-33 In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab son of Omri became king of Israel, and he reigned in Samaria over Israel twenty-two years.³⁰ Ahab son of Omri did more evil in the eyes of the LORD than any of those before him.³¹ He not only considered it trivial to commit the sins of Jeroboam... but he also married Jezebel daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and began to serve Baal and worship him...³³ Ahab... did more to arouse the anger of the LORD, the God of Israel, than did all the kings of Israel before him. **1 Kings 17:1** Now Elijah... 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.” **1 Kings 18:16-46** So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab went to meet Elijah.¹⁷ When he saw Elijah, he said to him, “Is that you, you troubler of Israel?”¹⁸ “I have not made trouble for Israel,” Elijah replied. “But you and your father’s family have. You have abandoned the LORD’s commands and have followed the Baals.”¹⁹ Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel’s table.”²¹ 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.

***Who Will You Follow?**

²²Then Elijah said to them...²⁴ ...call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers by fire—he is God.”²⁶ ...Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. “Baal, answer us!” they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made...²⁸ So

they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed.

***The Idols In Our Lives Won’t Go Down Without A Fight!**

³⁰Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come here to me.”

***God Calls Us To Him!**

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.”—**Matthew 23:37**

They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which had been torn down.³¹ Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, “Your name shall be Israel.”

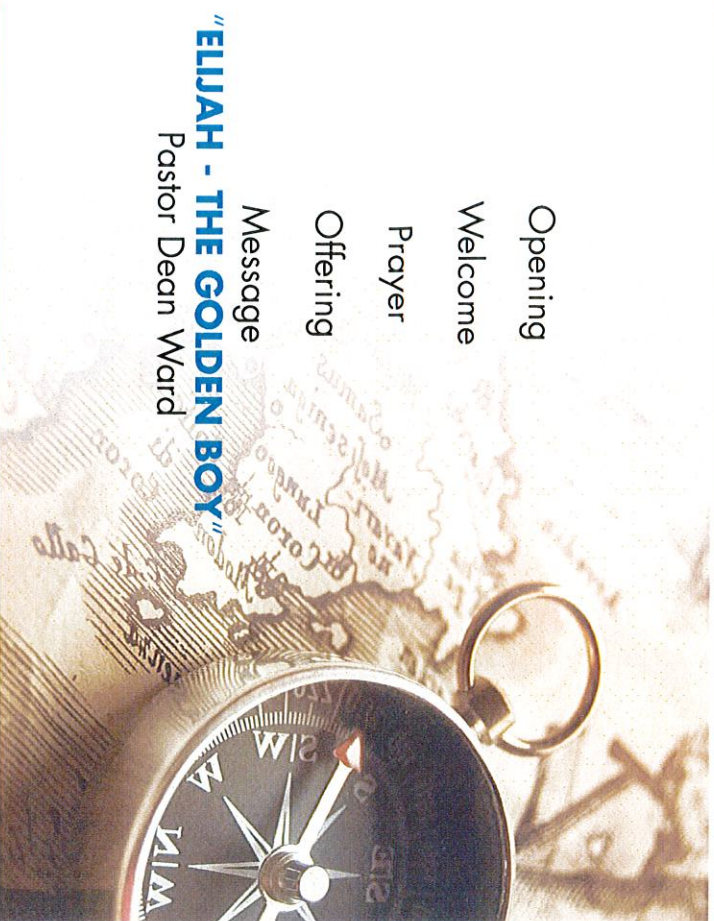
“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”-**1 Peter 2:9**

³²With the stones he built an altar in the name the LORD...³⁶ At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: “LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command.”³⁷ Answer me, LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.”³⁸ Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.³⁹ When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!” **1 Kings 19** Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.² So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.”³ Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there,⁴ while he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. “I have had enough, LORD,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.”

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Sunday, July 9th, 2017

Opening
Welcome
Prayer
Offering
Message
"ELIJAH - THE GOLDEN BOY"
Pastor Dean Ward



PART 6 OF OUR CURRENT SERMON SERIES



GIVING BACK TO GOD

Giving back to God, cheerfully and sacrificially, is part of our worship. It's our way of putting God first in our finances and supporting the mission of The River throughout the year. The combined totals for both The River New Kensington and The River New Heights are listed.

	\$7,150.00 Needed Weekly	Attendance
June 8th & 11th	\$6,670.00	268
June 15th & 18th	\$3,918.43	334
June 22nd & 25th	\$7,375.91	252

UPCOMING EVENTS

This Week		Next Week	
Sunday July 9	Services 9:30am & 11:15am	Sunday July 16	Services 9:30am & 11:15am VBS Decoration Team Decorate Day After 2nd Service
Wednesday July 12	The River's Edge Youth Group 6-8pm	Monday-Friday July 17-21	Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30pm
Thursday July 13	VBS Decoration Team Create Day 6pm	Like! us on Facebook	



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6:30-8:30PM
AGES 3 THRU GRADE 6
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RIVER'S EDGE YOUTH GROUP

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Youth Pastor Brian Baker 724-594-7394
Every 2nd and 4th Sunday, the youth are encouraged to attend the 11:15 service.
After the offering song, the youth will go into the Youth Room for their lesson.