

**The
Unlikely!**



⁸ ... the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], saying, ⁹ “Arise, go to Zarephath, which *belongs* to Sidon, and *dwell* there.

See, **I have commanded** *a widow* there to provide for you.”

1 Kings 17



²⁵ But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; ²⁶ but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to **a woman who was a widow.**

Luke 4

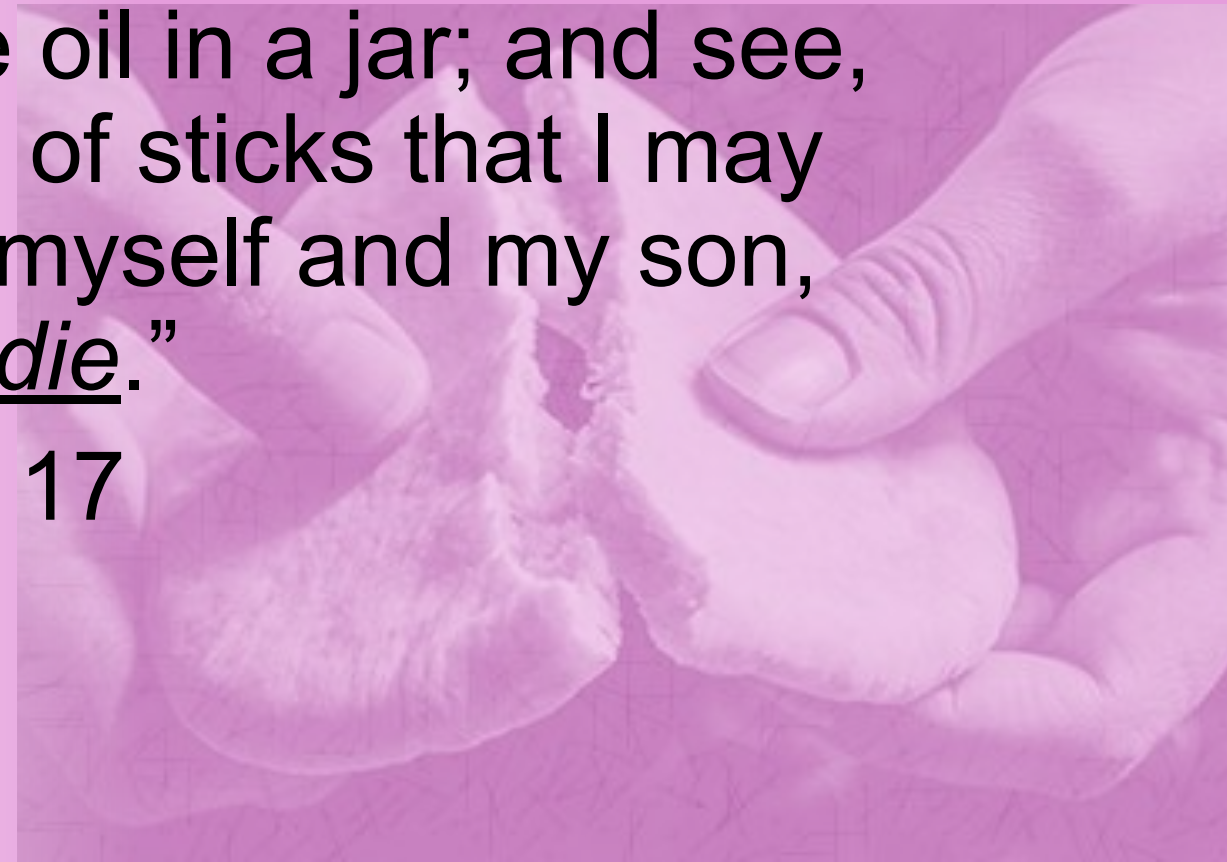
¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a **widow** was there gathering sticks.

1 Kings 17



¹² So she said, “As the LORD ***your God lives***, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I *am* gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that *we may eat it, and die.*”

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God as Provider

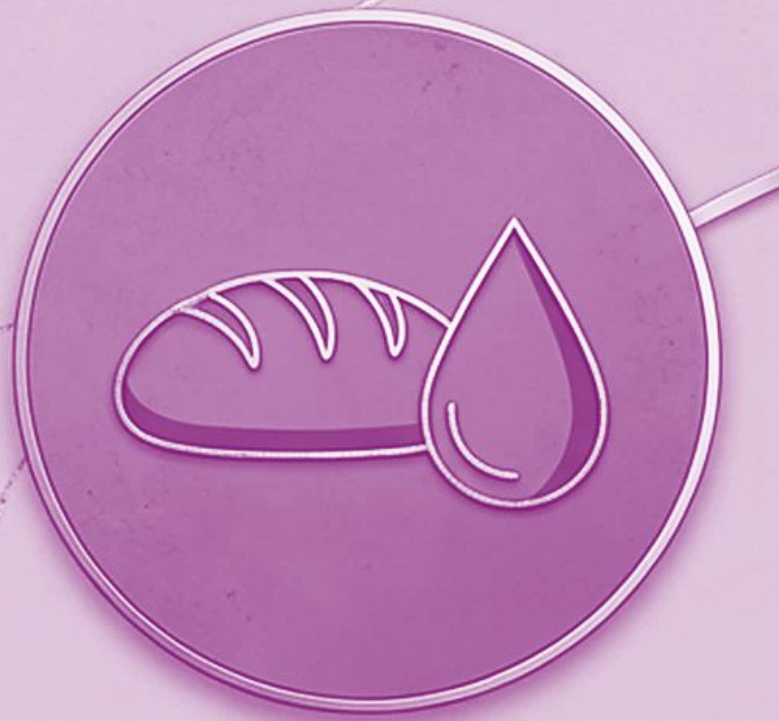
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A faith built on the
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Desperate Survival



¹³ And Elijah said to her, “**Do not fear**, go *and* do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it **first**, and bring *it* to me; and **afterward** make *some* for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says **the LORD God of Israel**: ‘The ***bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.***’ ”

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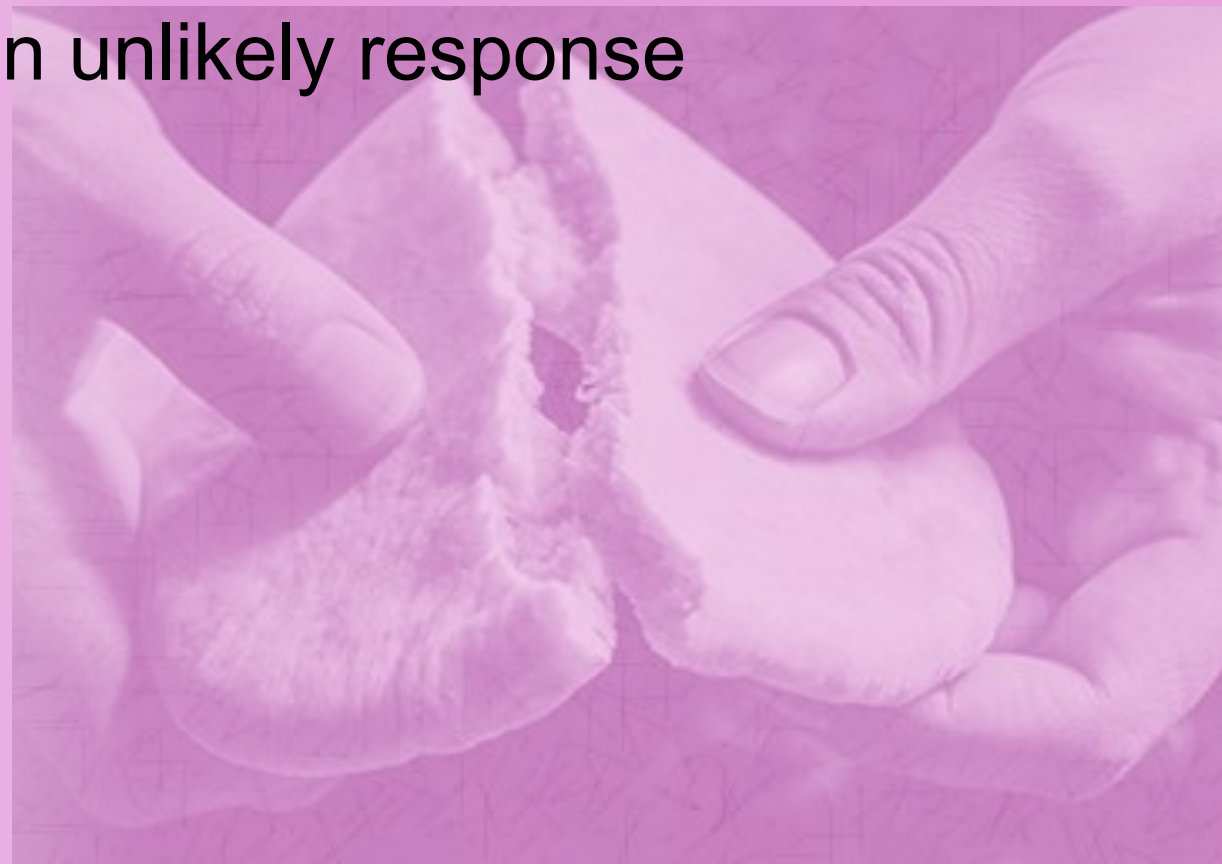


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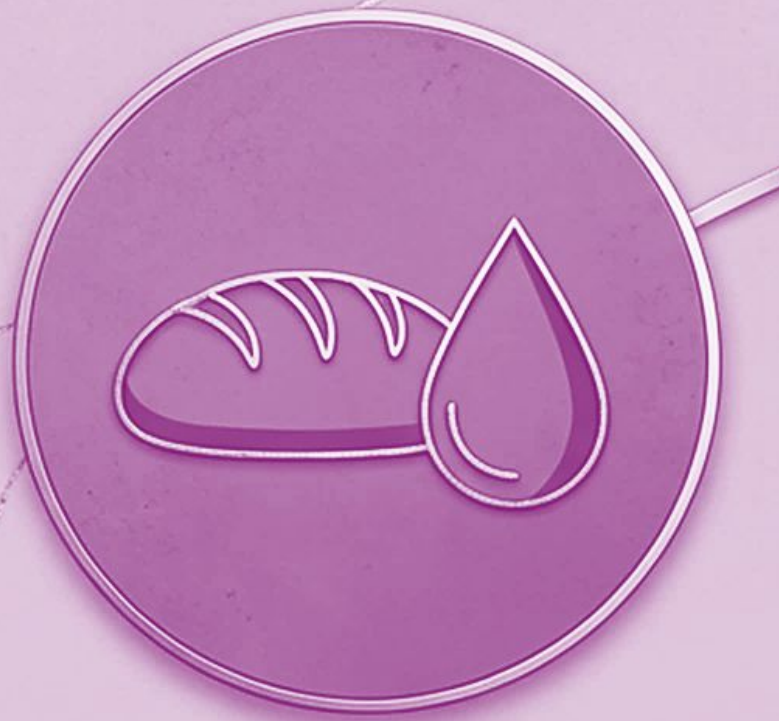
→ an unlikely response



¹⁵ So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ ***The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD*** which He spoke by Elijah.

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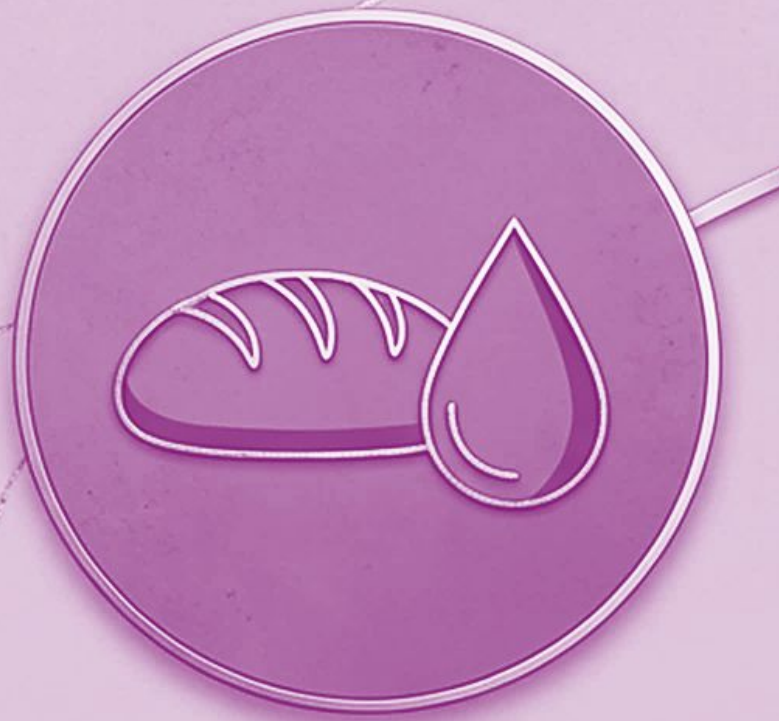
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Daily Trust

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17 ... the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was ***no breath left in him.***

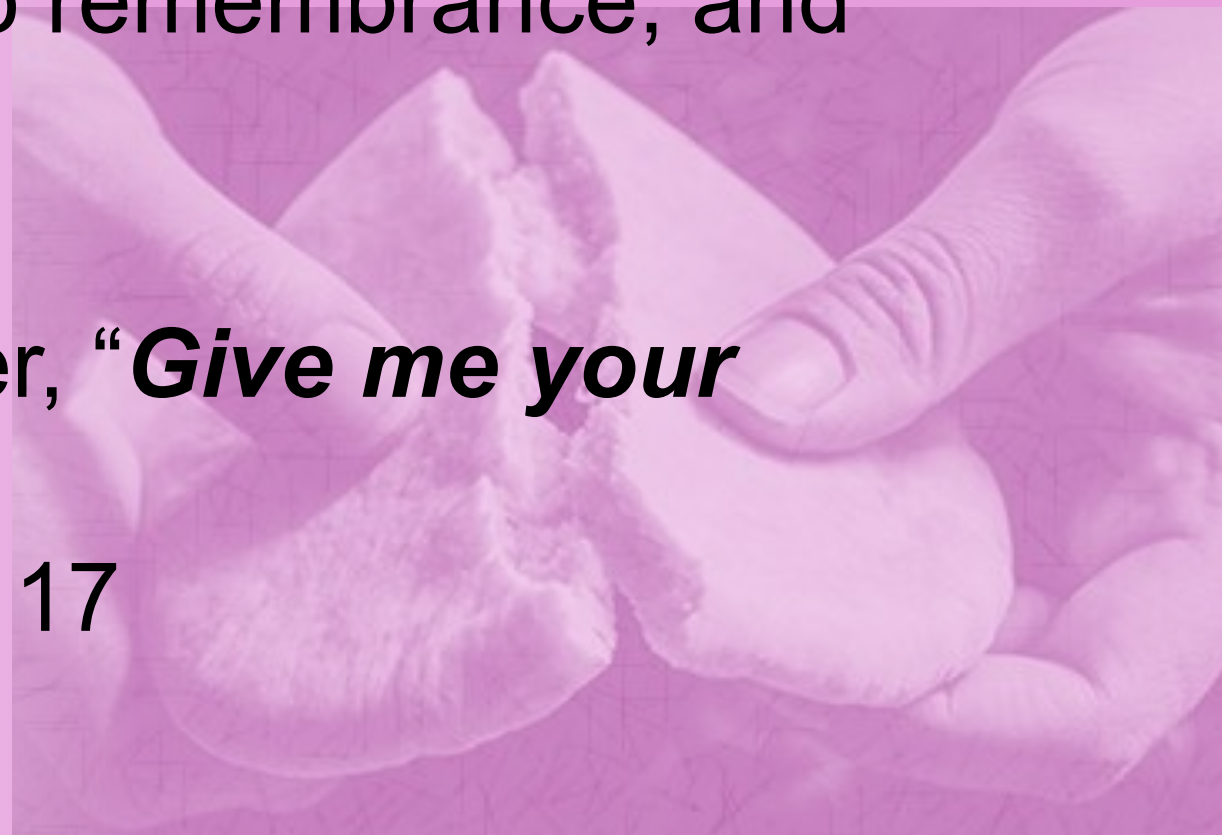
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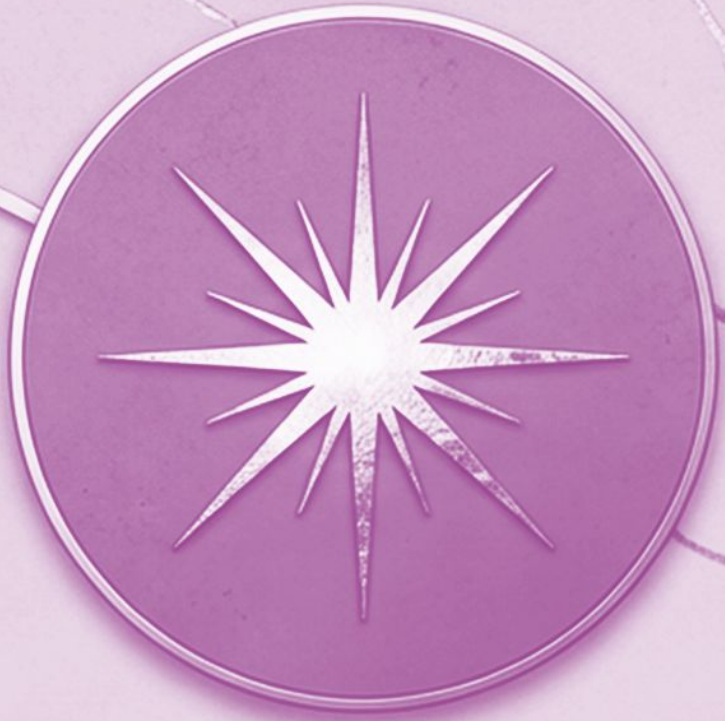


18 ... she said to Elijah, “What have I to do with you, *O man of God*? Have you come to me to bring **my sin** to remembrance, and *to kill my son?*”

19 And [Elijah] said to her, “***Give me your son.***”

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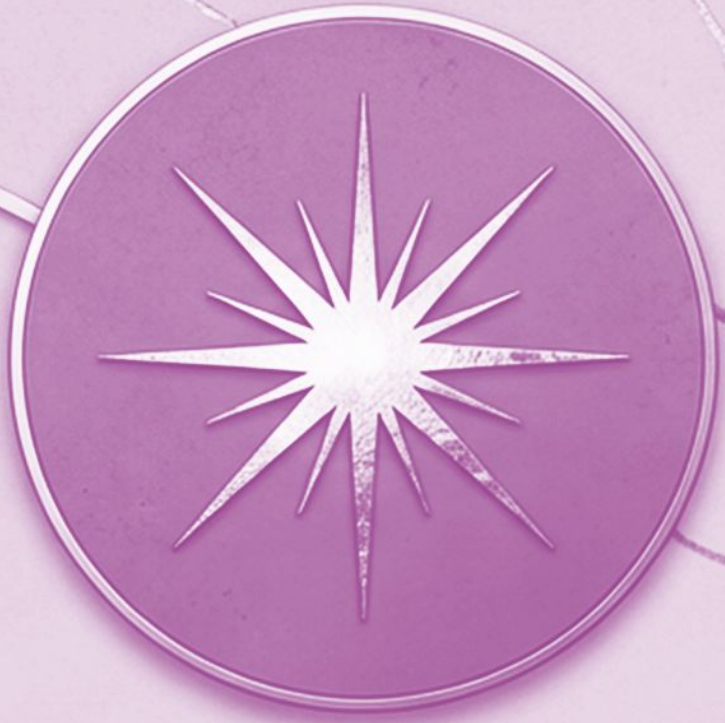
... ultimate yielding



²¹ ... and [Elijah] said, “O Lord my God, I pray, let this child’s soul come back to him.” ²² Then the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and ***he revived.***

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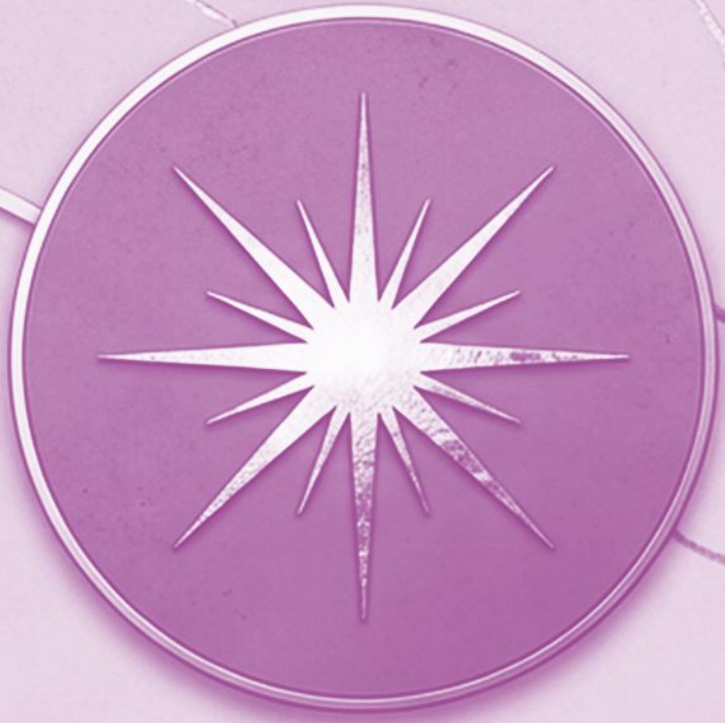
Divine Revelation



²⁴ Then the woman said to Elijah, “Now by this I know that you are *a man of God*, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth *is the truth.*”

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