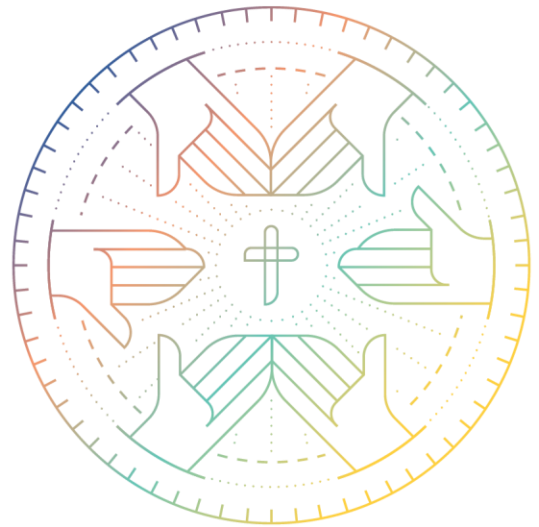


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ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

What is something that you had to wait for and how did it feel when you received it?

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

Anchor Verses: 1 Kings 18:41-46.

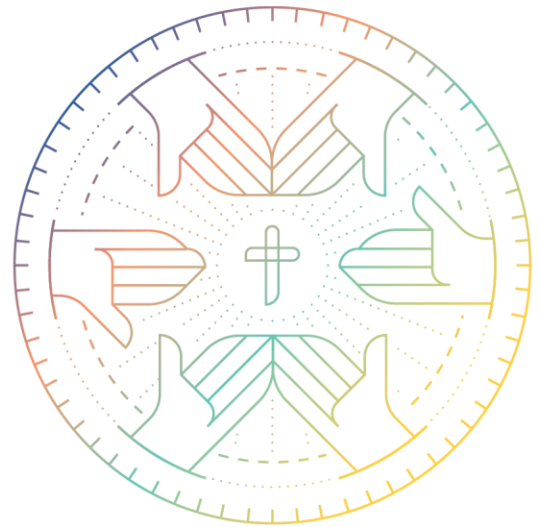
Here after three and a half years of waiting, God answers Elijah's prayer for rain. Through this story, we see God hears and answers our prayers.

INTO THE WORD (25 MINUTES)

1. Read James 5:16-18. What stands out to you about how James talks about prayer along with his description of Elijah?
2. Read 1 Kings 18:41-42 and Matthew 6:9-10. Part of prayer is aligning our hearts with God. How does this shape your view of how you pray?
3. Read 1 Kings 18:43-44, Luke 18:1, Romans 12:12, and 1 Thessalonians 5:17. Elijah prayed for over three years for God to bring rain to the land. He remained resolute in his faith this attitude was displayed as he asked his servant to go seven times to check for rain knowing that God would answer. Have you experienced a time in your life when you have prayed for something for a long time? What helps you remain resolute? If not, look to Elijah's story as an example of remaining resolute.

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APPLICATION (25 MINUTES)

1. Read 1 Kings 18:45-46, Ephesians 1:3, and James 1:17-18. Prayer builds our confidence in God and provides the foundation for hope. Have you seen God answer prayer in your life before? If so, did it change the way you prayed in the future?
2. Read Romans 8:26-27,34 and Hebrews 7:25. How does understanding that Jesus intercedes on your behalf shape the way you can go to God moving forward?
3. Elijah was raised up to have a significant impact on his community. Where might God use to impact your family, neighborhood, workplace, or city?

PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Dear heavenly Father, thank you that you hear our prayers. Motivate to be active in prayer aligning our hearts to your will. Help us to not lose heart but be persistent with our prayers, like Elijah. Thank You that You are the giver of all good gifts and that You intercede on our behalf. Lord may we be people that know You and make Your name known. We pray all these things in Your wonderful name. Amen.