

WHEN YOU NEED MORE #HOPE - PART 6

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Hope is not optimism.

Optimism is psychological, optimism is personal trust in you, and optimism is often a denial of reality. Optimism is what you think you can do. It's positive thinking, not permanent trust.

Hope is theological; hope is personal trust in God. Hope is what you think God can do.

- **MIRACLES ARE TO BUILD MY FAITH WHICH INCREASES MY HOPE.**

1 Kings 17:1 - 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."

I. KERITH: THE RAVINE OF _____.

1 Kings 17:2-7 - Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah: ³ "Leave here, turn eastward and **hide in the Kerith Ravine**, east of the Jordan. ⁴ You will drink from the brook, and I have ordered the ravens to feed you there." ⁵ **So he did what the Lord had told him.** He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. ⁶ The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook. ⁷ Some time later the Brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land.

- *Kerith means: Cut off or cut down.*
- **THERE IS SO MUCH MORE THAT GOD NEEDS TO DO IN HIM, BECAUSE THERE IS SO MUCH MORE GOD WANTS TO DO THROUGH HIM.**

THREE REASONS GOD ALLOWS BROOKS TO DRY UP:

1. ***TO KEEP YOU FROM _____
ON THE BROOK.***
2. ***TO _____ YOU TO A BETTER PLACE.***
3. ***TO _____ HE HAS NOT FORGOTTEN
ABOUT YOU.***

II. JOURNEY NORTH: THE ROAD OF _____.

1 Kings 17:8-10 - Then the word of the Lord came to him: ⁹ **"Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food."** ¹⁰ So he went to Zarephath.

WHAT TO REMEMBER:

1. **THE PATH TO A MIRACLE IS ALWAYS THROUGH
_____ TERRITORY.**
2. **THE SOURCE OF A MIRACLE IS ALWAYS
_____.**

Isaiah 55:8-9 - "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. ⁹ "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

3. THE PATTERN FOR A MIRACLE IS: COMMAND-PPROMISE-RRISK

LESSONS TO TAKE HOME:

- 1. GOD IS ALL YOU NEED.**
- 2. GOD WILL PROVIDE WHERE HE GUIDES.**
- 3. GOD WANTS ME TO TRUST HIM EVERY DAY.**
- 4. GOD'S PROMISES ARE ALWAYS CONNECTED TO OBEDIENCE.**

Phil 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.