

## Abounding More and More 1 Kings 17:1-4; 1 Thess.4:1

No church can get us to heaven; good works won't get us there. The only thing we can do that will get us to heaven is accept Jesus as Saviour; He is the only way. But once we make Him Lord there is growth that needs to take place. We need to stop sitting back and watching things die, we need to stand up and fan them back into flame. There are all kinds of relationships that need to be fanned. Fields are starting to green up. God is looking at our lives and asking, "Where's the green, where's the growth?" are we abounding in the ways of God? **1 Thess. 4:1**. We're all looking to upgrade right? Upgrade our home, job, vehicle...are we looking to upgrade our spiritual life as well? We need to be upgrading our faith.

Have you ever felt stuck, isolated; have you ever done the right thing only to have it misunderstood? **1 Kings 17:1** Sometimes when you share God's word it's misunderstood and you have to run, to get away (**v.2**). you'll find yourself isolated from others. If we are doing what God has called us to, He's got us covered, He will send provision (**v.4**) but it may not come from the place we expect or even want. Look for it to come from an unlikely source. We need to be careful that we don't get comfortable or distracted with the provision. Provision doesn't dry up in a day. It takes time.

Relationships don't dry up overnight. But we get comfortable and don't notice things changing. God moves us to change us. Do we fight Him on that? Do we resist change? We need to be open to it. (**v.8-12**). We won't see the miracle if we are unwilling to accept the change when it comes. Miracles come at the word of God (**v.14**) Get a word from God. **Psalms 1**. Don't go to the world for advice or counsel; go to The Word. The Bible is a multi purpose tool. It encourages, exhorts instructs and, yes, it even offends sometimes. But if we allow, it always brings healing. It cuts in order to bind up. It breaks in order to mend. It can be painful but it is necessary if we don't want to be spiritually crippled.

God is in the redeeming business. He wants to redeem broken homes, broken relationships, broken people; He wants to redeem you. He's the only one who can. God is the great transformer. And He's coming to a home near you. Are you abounding more and more in Him? Are you experiencing His provision? Are you watching for the change He can bring to you? Are you expecting a miracle? It will come at the word of the Lord.