

9/15/19 | ELIJAH: (extra)ordinary, THRIVING

"Then my soul will rejoice in the LORD and delight in His salvation."

—Psalm 35:9 | NIV



1. Share a time your soul delighted in the Lord.
2. How can we live to expect opportunities to serve and praise the Lord?
3. Consider this quote. What did Martin Luther value?
4. What do you spend your time on? What do you value?
5. What stuck out to you from the sermon and 1 Kings this week? Explain.

Work, work, from morning until late at night. In fact, I have so much to do that I shall have to spend the first three hours in prayer!

—Martin Luther

God First

6. Read the 1st commandment in Exodus 20:1-3. What does it mean?

Why is it first?
7. Read Mark 12:28-30. What does this command mean for us?

The word *all* is from the Greek word *holos*, which is used four times in verse 30. *Holos* means "all, whole, completely." Should this command affect your life? Does it? How?

8. Read Psalm 96. What is this Psalm all about? Why is it all about that?

What does this Psalm have to do with the 1st commandment?

What does this Psalm have to do with loving the Lord with all of you, wholly and completely?

9. Read Luke 21:1-4. Why did Jesus say that about her?

Why did the widow do such a thing?

10. When have you withheld from God because you thought you had to take care of yourself?

What would you do differently now?

11. Read Phil 3:7-14. What did Paul value more than fame or friends or possessions? Why?

12. What is Paul's life all about? Why?

13. What is your life all about? Why?

14. What would it take for your life to look like Paul's or Elijah's?

15. Share what you can do this week to put God first.

TAKEAWAY: You are alive in Christ; live like it!