

STORYBOARD

Discovering Your Story

Week 2



What do you think of God?



The Bible Person who was the subject of the Sermon:
Widow at Zarephath (1 Kings 17:7-16)

The Bible Persons to Consider in this study (pick one or more as time permits):

Moses, Joshua, Job, kings of other kingdoms (such as the kings of the lands that were conquered in the Old Testament), King Darius of the Book of Daniel), Mary and Martha the sisters, David, Sarah

Widow of Zarephath

A poor, needy, gentile, widow, and single mom. She lived outside Israel's protection of Jewish law. In other words, there were no laws to help provide for her.

Background and story of Zarephath:

The Lord was withholding rain from Israel, because of their worship of idols. The royal couple Ahab and Jezebel had led the growth of idol worship in the land. The Lord told Elijah to go to Zarephath, a town outside of Israel and there he would find a widow that would provide food for him. Elijah obeyed and found a widow gathering sticks to cook what she thought was the last meal for her family. She was desperate and expected to use the last of her flour and oil to cook a meal, eat it with her son, and then they would die. Elijah boldly asked Zarephath to use her supplies to cook a meal for him. He told her the jar of flour and jug of oil would not run out until the Lord sent rain (v14). The widow obeyed and God was faithful to his promise. Soon after, her son dies, and she blames Elijah. Elijah cries out to God, and He revives the child.

The story of Zarephath teaches us:

There is always hope in God.

Our circumstances never tell the whole story.

When we see no hope, we are in the middle of God's story.

God's resources are unlimited, and His timing is always perfect.

God knows how He will meet our needs long before we know we have a need(s).

Our faith will be tested through the circumstances in our life to teach us to trust and obey God.

God is more interested in meeting the needs of our soul than our stomachs.

When we trust God, He meets our needs.

Week 2 Questions

1. What do you think the Bible Person thought of God?
 - a. Why do you think so?

2. What do you think caused or was a reason behind why the Bible Person thought so?

3. Did the Bible Person make evident (or admit) to God what s/he thought of God?

4. What do you think of God?

5. Who is God to you? Why?
Below are some positions/roles to consider.
 - Lord of my life
 - Frequent friend and counselor
 - Occasional friend and counselor
 - Neglected friend
 - Dad
 - Coach
 - Doctor/healer
 - Fixer
 - Encourager
 - My desperation cry person

6. What do you think of God and His character? Why?

This is not a trick question...be honest. Below are some qualities of His character to consider (please supplement, add others).

- Loving
- Merciful
- Faithful
- Grace-giving
- Compassionate
- Gentle
- Creator/Maker
- Healer
- Miracle-Maker
- Friend
- Counselor
- Steadfast/Constant
- Immeasurable

7. What characteristics of God resonate with you?

Note that characteristics and character many times overlap.

Below are some characteristics to consider (please supplement, add others).

- Loving
- Caring
- Gentle
- Faithful
- Good
- Omnipotent
- Omnipresent
- Righteous
- Holy
- Slow to Anger
- A disciplinarian
- Harsh
- Sovereign
- Incomprehensible/we cannot fully fathom
- Jealous

8. Stay on “the lookout” for a display of God’s character and characteristics this week.

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