

# The Path of Great Faith

## Small Group Discussion Guide

Based on the message by Pastor Andy Moore, Calvary Temple, March 2, 2025

### Conversation Starter:

- If God sent ravens to bring you food like He did for Elijah, what would you hope they'd deliver for breakfast tomorrow morning?

## Elijah's Journey of Faith Development

Read I Kings 17:1

- Briefly review Israel's spiritual state during Elijah's time:
  - 19 consecutive evil kings led Israel away from God
  - Widespread idol worship and child sacrifice
  - King Ahab and Queen Jezebel actively promoting evil

### 1. Season of Personal Pain (10-12 minutes)

Read 1 Kings 17:2-3 together

#### Questions for discussion:

1. What does the name "Kerith" mean, and why is that significant?
2. Pastor Andy said, "God sends us to Kerith so that he can deal with us." Have you experienced a "Kerith" season in your life? What was it like?
3. How have painful experiences in your life contributed to spiritual growth?
4. Why do we often try to avoid pain, and what blessings might we miss as a result?

### 2. Season of Total Dependence (10-12 minutes)

Read 1 Kings 17:4-6 together

#### Questions for discussion:

1. How did God provide for Elijah at the brook? What does this teach us about God's character?
2. Pastor Andy mentioned, "We want margin, but God gives us what we need when we need it." How have you experienced this in your life?
3. What areas of your life are you struggling to fully depend on God?
4. Share a story of a time when God provided for you in an unexpected way.

### **3. Season of Unconditional Obedience (10-12 minutes)**

Read 1 Kings 17:7-9 together

#### **Questions for discussion:**

1. Why did God allow the brook to dry up? What purpose did this serve in Elijah's journey?
2. Pastor Andy said, "The place of God's provision became dry." Have you experienced this? What happened next?
3. What makes unconditional obedience so difficult? What helps you obey God even when it doesn't make sense?
4. How has God used obedience to transform your identity or character?

### **Application (10-15 minutes)**

Read 1 Kings 17:24 together

- Discuss Pastor Andy's central idea: "To do something through us, God must first do something in us."

#### **Questions for discussion:**

1. What transformation do you see in Elijah from the beginning to the end of this chapter?
2. Which of these three seasons (pain, dependence, obedience) are you currently experiencing?
3. What is one specific way you can grow in faith this week based on what we've discussed?
4. How might our small group support each other through these different seasons?

### **Closing (5 minutes)**

- Summarize key insights from the discussion
- Ask if anyone has prayer requests related to their faith journey
- Close in prayer, asking God to help each person become someone of great faith

### **Additional Notes for Group Leaders**

- Be sensitive to those who may be in a painful "Kerith" season right now
- Encourage vulnerable sharing but don't force it
- Consider breaking into pairs for prayer at the end
- Follow up individually with anyone who seems particularly impacted by the discussion