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Order of Worship
March 9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome
Worship in Song
Call to Worship
Worship in Song
Prayer

We Listen to the Word

Sermon Series: ALIVE
Sermon: "Part I. Preparation"

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song
Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

*Words to music, responsive readings and
The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen*

LENT TABLE GROUPS

6 WEEK BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION

Groups begin the week of March 10
5 groups to choose from, with daytime & evening options.
Sign up in the church lobby or email
office@tablelifechurch.org

FREE

Easter Eggstravaganza

Sign up to serve!



Petting Zoo
Crafts & Games
Bounce House




Egg Hunt
Easter Bunny
Free Food

Saturday, April 12 2025
10:00-11:30am

Register at tablelifechurch.org/egg/

A JOURNEY FROM DEATH TO LIFE

ALIVE



2025 Lent Devotional

follow facebook.com/lentdevotional
or email pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org to receive the email version

For a complete list of ongoing ministries and upcoming events,
please visit tablelifechurch.org.

Doggy Bag-

Some questions to chew on:



1. Both Elijah and Jesus underwent a time of preparation. Why? Why is preparation important when doing the will of God?
2. In 1 Kings 17:2-3, God led Elijah to a period of hiding in the Kerith Ravine. Kerith means "cut off or cut down." Describe a "cutting away" experience that God used to shape you and prepare you.
3. What was unusual about the ways God provided for Elijah during the drought? Has there ever been a time God met a need in a strange way? What did you learn?
4. After the brook dried up, Elijah trusted God and moved on to Zarephath. Why do you think that happened? What kinds of things does God often need to loosen from our grip?
5. Why do you think resurrection was the last miracle for Elijah in this season? What changes or differences do you observe in Elijah over the course of 1 Kings 17? How can you relate?
6. Lent is a season of preparation. Over 40 days, we seek to draw closer to Jesus and contemplate what he did for us on the cross. This Lenten season, what do you feel God wants to prepare in you? Cut away and prune? Loosen some soil? Time to do the work? Or something else?

ALIVE

Part I. "Preparation" Pastor Kris Beckert

Are you one who prepares for things or tends to wing it?

I. The 1st Story of Resurrection in the Bible: _____ and the _____

- Takes place in the Northern Kingdom of Israel
- Things go downhill after King David and King Solomon
- Israel experiences 19 evil _____ over the next 200 years

1 Kings 16:30 Ahab son of Omri did more evil in the eyes of the Lord than any of those before him.

- Ahab turned the people away from God to worship the Canaanite god _____
- God raised up the prophet _____, whose name means _____

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."

II. Three Marks of a Season of Preparation:

1. A _____ away

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1 Kings 17:2-6 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 directed the ravens to supply you with food 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.

- Kerith Ravine =
- God cuts away what's dead but also prunes what's good

2. A _____ of the soil

1 Kings 17:7-9 Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. ⁸ Then the word of the Lord came to him: ⁹ "Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food."

- Elijah is sent to a nonbelieving _____ in the capital city of Baal-worship
- God loosens our grip on our biases, things on which we depend, and the source of our purpose
- Jesus says this:

Luke 4:25-26 "...I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon..."

- Elijah repeats God's words to the woman, which comes true:

v.14 "...For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.'"

3. A _____ to do the work

1 Kings 17:21-24 Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried out to the Lord, "Lord my God, let this boy's life return to him!" ²² The Lord heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived. ²³ Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!" ²⁴ Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord from your mouth is the truth."

- The time of famine & death prepared _____ for the work of facing King Ahab and the prophets of Baal
- In v.1 Elijah was identified by _____ he's from, but in v.24 he is now identified by _____ he's from

Big Idea:
