



Week 4- Carmel- Exposing the Counterfeit- Don't Drop the Ball

Refine- remove impurities or unwanted elements from (a substance), typically as part of an industrial process.

Jeremiah 48:11

1 Kings 17:7-9

Thought provoker- "Think of a place or position where God has set you right now that, for whatever reason, bristles against your comfort. How does this uncomfortable dynamic reshape your perspectives, refine your behaviors, and reframe your attitudes?"

Jonah 3:1-2

"Zaraphath was the furnace into which Elijah was being sent."

Fire = Refinement -*Isaiah 48:10, 1 Peter 1:7*

Because of his obedience, "Elijah was being positioned for things more impactful and far-reaching that he could ever have imagined."

- He was a participant in God's bigger plan. -*Luke 4:24-26*
- He was a partner in God's Miraculous Provision

When what we see is different from what He says.

1 Kings 17:10-14

2 Corinthians 4:18

"This what we see/ what He says disparity reveals one of the major distinctions that should be readily apparent between people who do not know God and those who do."

2 Corinthians 1:4

1 Kings 17:17-24

"As God matures and refines us, life's crises won't be as capable of flipping the switch inside us that rams us into fear and anxiety mode. Instead, they will trigger an innate reaction within us to call out, to cry out, to the Lord."

- Take the whole problem to God in prayer.
- Cultivate a place of priority in prayer.
- Expect God to answer unreasonable prayers.

"If you were to make an unreasonable, unthinkable prayer today, what do you think it would be? **Then pray it!**"



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Scriptures of hope:

Deuteronomy 31:6

⁶ Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

Joshua 1:9

⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Psalms 23:4

*⁴ Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,^[a]
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.*

Proverbs 29:25

*²⁵ Fear of man will prove to be a snare,
but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.*

Isaiah 41:10

*¹⁰ So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

Lamentations 3:57

*⁵⁷ You came near when I called you,
and you said, "Do not fear."*

Daniel 10:12

¹² Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them.

Luke 12:7

⁷ Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

John 14:27

²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Hebrews 13:6

*⁶ So we say with confidence,
"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?"^[a]*

1 Peter 3:14

¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats^[a]; do not be frightened."^[b]

Revelation 2:10

¹⁰ Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.