

# LifeGroup Curriculum | “Faith in a Drought” 2/15/26

**Main Passage:** *1 Kings 17:8–24*

**Supporting Passages:** *Matthew 11:28–30; Psalm 55:22; John 11:25–26; Philippians 4:6; Psalm 27:13; Hebrews 11:13–16; 2 Corinthians 12:9*

## Culture Code Emphasis:

### Presence > Preference

(We trust God’s nearness even when we would prefer quick relief.)

**Main Idea / Question:** How do we trust God when the weight we’re carrying feels heavier than the strength we have—and what does faith look like when provision is daily but pressure is constant?

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## PORCH TALK

*(Casual conversation that opens deeper doors)*

### Leader Setup:

This story meets us where life feels heavy. Before we analyze the miracle, we acknowledge the weight.

### Conversation Starters

- What part of Sunday’s message stayed with you the most?
- When you think about the “weight” you’re carrying right now, what comes to mind first?
- Do you tend to carry burdens quietly or talk about them openly?
- Where have you seen God provide “just enough” instead of “overflow”?
- What’s harder for you: trusting God for daily provision or waiting for long-term breakthrough?

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## LIVING ROOM

*(Deeper discipleship dialogue)*

### KEY THEMES THAT CARRY BEYOND THE SERMON

**Faith Is Formed Under Weight** — God doesn’t always remove burdens; sometimes He uses them to build dependence.

**Provision Is Often Daily, Not Permanent** — God gives “enough for today” to teach us to trust Him tomorrow.

**Today’s Miracles Prepare Us for Deeper Ones** — The jar miracle prepared the widow for the resurrection miracle.

**Honest Prayer Is Powerful Prayer** — Elijah didn’t pray polished prayers; he prayed present ones.

**Resurrection Is Our Ultimate Anchor** — Not every jar is filled, but every believer is raised.

### 1) Trust God Under the Weight You’re Carrying

**Read:** 1 Kings 17:8–12; Matthew 11:28–30; Psalm 55:22

**Context:**

Elijah and the widow are both in survival mode. God meets them not by removing pressure—but by inviting trust within it.

**Say:** Faith often begins where strength ends. God asked the widow for what she didn’t have because He intended to become what she lacked.

**Ask (slow and honest):** Where in your life right now feels like “the last handful of flour”? Have you ever felt God asking you to trust Him in an area where you already felt depleted? What is your reflex when life gets heavy—control, fear, withdrawal, or surrender? How might weakness actually be an invitation to deeper dependence?

**Reflection Verse:** “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” — 2 Corinthians 12:9

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## 2) Expect God to Turn ‘Just Enough’ Into Future Miracles

**Read:** 1 Kings 17:13–16; Philippians 4:6; Psalm 27:13

**Context:** The jar didn’t overflow—it sustained. God provided daily bread, not lifetime supply.

**Say:** We often want God to solve everything at once. But daily provision builds daily trust.

**Ask:** Where is God giving you “enough for today” instead of answers for tomorrow? How do you respond when provision feels minimal instead of miraculous? What has God sustained in your life that didn’t make headlines—but kept you going? Could it be that today’s provision is preparing you for tomorrow’s battle?

**Reflection Thought:** “Daily mercy is training for lifelong faith.”

## 3) Anchor Your Life to the God Who Raises the Dead

**Read:** 1 Kings 17:17–24; John 11:25–26; Hebrews 11:13–16

**Context:** The greater miracle wasn’t the jar—it was resurrection. Provision sustains life; resurrection restores it.

**Say:** Some prayers are answered in this life. Others are answered in eternity. Both are held by the same faithful God.

**Ask:** Have you ever faced a situation that felt emotionally or spiritually “dead”? What did you learn about God in that space? How does resurrection hope change the way we endure present suffering? Where is God asking you to trust Him—not just for provision—but for ultimate restoration?

**Reflection Verse:** “I am the resurrection and the life.” — John 11:25

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## AFTER GLOW

*(Prayerful reflection & ministry space)*

**Read:** 1 Kings 17:20–22; Psalm 27:13; Matthew 11:28

**Say:** Elijah didn’t offer polished prayers—he offered honest ones. Faith isn’t proven by perfect language but by present trust.

### Reflective Questions:

- What burden have you normalized that God may want you to release?
- Where do you need resurrection hope—not just circumstantial relief?
- What have you stopped praying for because it felt too heavy to keep believing?
- What would it look like to hand that “dead place” back to God again?

### Reflection Verse:

“I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.” — Psalm 27:13

## FOLLOW-UP & CHALLENGE

### Name the Weight

Write down the heaviest burden you’re carrying right now. **Pray for Resurrection** Identify one “dead place” in your life or someone else’s and pray resurrection hope over it.

### LEGACY CHALLENGE

This week, don’t just ask God to remove the weight—ask Him to reveal Himself within it.

*Trust Him for daily bread.*

*Trust Him in the drought.*

*And anchor your faith not only to the God who fills jars...*

*but to the God who raises the dead.*

**Because faith that survives drought becomes faith that carries resurrection hope.**

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