

Bible Reading Together during this Covid-19 Shutdown

[May 9-15: Read 1 Kings 17-18 & Acts 17](#)

1 Kings 17-18

These two chapters contain the story of prophet Elijah and his fight against the evil king and against the priests of Baal.

Further Study & Discussion

- When the king of Israel did evil in God's eyes, he sent his prophet to judge the land of Israel. Does it seem unfair? Why should the whole land suffer because the king is evil? How would you defend God?
- The loving act of the poor widow is similar to the actions of the poor widow who gave her last two coins to God in front of Jesus. What is the lesson in this story?
- In chapter 18, we are introduced to another man of God named Obadiah. What was the difference between Elijah and Obadiah in the perspective of community of faith? How did Obadiah benefit from them even as he gave them aid?
- A total of 850 priests of Baal and Asherah gathered at Mount Carmel. Recount the story. Which part is most meaningful for you?

Acts 17

Obedying God's leading, Paul and his team crossed over into Macedonia. But the results of this missions trip was mixed, and it proved to be quite difficult.

Further Study & Discussion

- If God is leading the way, why doesn't things work out smoothly? In your own life, do you have a story to share in which you felt you were following God's lead but it proved to be very difficult?
- The people at Berea were different from the emotional people in Thessalonica (v.10f). What was different about them? Talk about the importance of Scriptures in your life.
- Paul's speech at the Areopagus (v.22f) is famous. It's his Mar's Hill discourse. How does this speech offer us a tip in reaching out to the people of different faiths?