

THE FORERUNNERS

LIVING FOR AND POINTING TO JESUS



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Series Description

Before Jesus turned up 2000 years ago there are countless recorded stories of people who loved God and were trusting Him to provide someone who would save them and make everything right that had gone wrong in the world. In this series we're going to be taking a look at some of the people in those stories as they ran before Jesus.

Forerunner Characters

Job by Goff Hope
Joseph by Toby Skipper
Elijah by Marcus Tutt
and others

Recommended Reading

[Job by Charles Swindoll](#)
[Joseph by Charles Swindoll](#)
[Elijah by Charles Swindoll](#)

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Title: Elijah part 1: The LORD lives.

Speaker: Marcus Tutt

Bible Reference: 1 Kings 16:29 - 17:3 & 18:45

Overview

In 1 Kings 17:1 Elijah makes an extraordinary statement:

"There shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word."

Wow! How does he know what the weather will do and where does his authority come from that it should rain at his word? He prefixes his prediction with two key phrases that give us an insight into how he could say such a thing before a King, and be right about it!

- i) *"The LORD, the God of Israel lives."* Elijah knew that God was sovereignly and decisively active in the world.
- ii) *"before whom I stand"* Elijah stood before the LORD and therefor, as he stood before Ahab, he knew that God was (the words of Fatboy Slim) "Right here, Right now" and would act.

Questions

- i) How has our culture moved away from this fundamental truth that *"the Lord, the God of Israel lives"*? How does a conviction that God is inactive or irrelevant shape peoples thinking?
- ii) What difference does it make to your life that the Lord lives?
- iii) How can we cultivate a confident awareness of God's imminent and active presence in our lives, in the "here and now"?
- iv) James uses Elijah, *"a man just like us"*, as an encouragement for us to pray for healing (James 5:14-18) . Are there specific situations or challenges that God is calling you to respond to with Elijah's example in mind?