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Sunday: Read 1 Kings 18:19-39. How would you describe Elijah's faith? What kind of things might Elijah have been tempted to worship in this story? What kinds of things in our own lives compete with God for our allegiance?

Monday: Read 1 Kings 18:19-22. Why do you think it was important for all Israel to come and witness this battle of gods? Describe some of the emotions you might experience if you went up alone against four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal. Why is a faith community so important for us to stay faithful to God?

Tuesday: Read 1 Kings 18:23-29. What kind of formula do the prophets of Baal use for their faith? Why does faith in God not need a formula or spell?

Wednesday: Read 1 Kings 18:30-35. Why do you think Elijah was so unafraid of this encounter? What role does fear play in faith? How can we reduce the amount of fear that we have in times that require faith?

Thursday: Read 1 Kings 18:36-38. Elijah talks in his prayer about the faith of his fathers. Where do you think Elijah learned such devotion to God? What in your life is preventing you from learning this kind of devotion to God?

Friday: Read 1 Kings 18:39-40. Elijah could have suffered greatly for his faith. Why do you think he escaped suffering in this instance, and what kind of trauma might this experience have had on him? How do you think faith and suffering are related in the Christian life?

Saturday: 1 Kings 18:19-39 again. What do you think our world would be like if we had more people with the type of confidence that Elijah had in God? Would it be better? Worse? Why do you think so? What would change in your life if you could hold such confidence in the face of the things that bring you the most fear?

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