

Crazy Faith: Stories from THEN and NOW Sermon Outline

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Introduction:

Israel had not received any rain for more than three years. God has judged them due to their idolatry. Elijah confronts King Ahab and calls him out to follow God, not Baal.

WHAT CRAZY RESULTS HAPPEN WHEN YOU USE CRAZY FAITH?

1-STEPPING OUT IN CRAZY FAITH will often have you STANDING AGAINST THE OPPOSITION.

>Elijah was not a popular person. He had called out the King. And the opposition was not happy. He had challenged the status quo and questioned their commitment. We know that most of God's prophets and eleven of the twelve disciples were killed and persecuted by the opposition. However, we should always have more reverence and fear of God than man.

2-STEPPING OUT IN CRAZY FAITH will often have you STANDING ALL BY YOURSELF.

>Elijah looks around to see he is standing all by himself. He is the lone ranger in a sea of people who are celebrating false gods. We live in that kind of culture today. And yet Elijah knows it is a result of crazy faith. That's why community and support from a family of faith is so important.

3-STEPPING OUT IN CRAZY FAITH will ALWAYS have you STANDING AMAZED AT GOD.

Elijah sees the mighty hand of God and the people praise and are amazed. Rain comes and the prayers are answered!

CONCLUSION: your dedication and determination will always affect your destination.

4-STEPPING OUT IN CRAZY FAITH will require a DECISION.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

- >Where is God asking you to demonstrate your Crazy Faith?
- >How is he asking you to do that?
- >Have you talked with God about this?
- >How is that working for you?