

# Livin on a Prayer

## 1 Kings 18:41-46

*“So Ahab went to eat and drink, but Elijah went up to the summit of Carmel. He bowed down on the ground and put his face between his knees. ” - 1 Kings 18:42*

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**Main Point:** Living a life persisting in prayer is exciting and adventurous when we are prepared to receive God's answer.

**Introduction:** Use the following questions to introduce the topic of discussion -

*Who's a big Bon Jovi fan? Did you have a mullet in the 80's?*

*Have you ever followed someone blindly, throwing caution to the wind? Your spouse, a business partner, a roommate? How does that experience equate to your relationship with God?*

*Have you been “Livin’ on a Prayer” concerning anything specific in your past or present?*

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Elijah had an interesting track record with God. One in which exciting and seemingly impossible things happened because he was willing to stand up for God and expect incredible results. We have the same opportunity to connect with God on a whole new level but it only comes with the kind of prayer life Elijah demonstrated. How are you livin’ on a prayer, and are you prepared for God's response?

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1) When you live life on a prayer **YOU'LL SEE THINGS BEFORE OTHERS**. Read together in **1 Kings 18:41-43**.

Elijah just stood tall in the face of incredible opposition and sin while rebuking the prophets of Baal and calling fire down from heaven. What posture does he now take in these verses? What does this tell you about his relationship with the Lord?

What did Elijah know in **1 Kings 18:1** that gave him confidence in his prayers?

What visions have you had that you are confident will become reality through your prayer life?

Read **Matthew 8:5-13**. What can you learn from this centurion's faith and believing without seeing?

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2) The adventure of living on a prayer means **YOU'LL PERSIST IN YOUR PRAYERS.** Read together in **1 Kings 18:43.**

How many times did Elijah send the servant to check for signs of rain? Have you ever prayed for something 7 or more times? What happened?

Read **Luke 11:9-10.** What does this tell us about our prayer life? How does it give you hope?

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** says, "Rejoice always! Pray constantly. Give thanks in everything..." What habits can you start shaping today that will lead you to a prayer life of consistency and constancy?

What do you need to "go back" to in your prayer life that God hasn't answered yet?

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3) The adventure that comes with living on a prayer is **YOU'LL PREPARE FOR GOD'S ANSWER.** Read together **1 Kings 18:44-46.**

When have you been caught off guard or had something come your way that you were not totally ready for?

How did Elijah prepare for God to answer his prayer? What strikes you about his actions?

Elijah didn't just have faith, he lived it out. Pastor Erik said "people are more interested in what your faith does than what your faith is." How can we demonstrate our faith now and prepare for what is not yet seen?

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**Pray:**

Determine what it is that you need to be praying for and seeking in the days to come. What vision has the Lord given that will only happen through prayer? Ask God to reveal his that vision and persist in your prayers until something happens. Give praise for what you know God will do and prepare for His response!

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**Connect:**

Snuggle up on the couch this weekend and watch the movie "War Room." What has God set in your heart to pray on and pray for? Start praying today and don't stop! Go to War!