Elijah - Standing Alone in the Gap

“Boot Camp for Elijah”

1 Kings 17:1-6

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Introduction:
A. The military drill instructor often says: “I am going to _____ you down to ______.”
B. The disciplined regimen of boot camp brings about remarkable ______ in every ______.
C. That kind of raw recruit _______ is what the Lord had in mind when He sent Elijah to the ______ Cherith.

I. The Story
A. We might have chosen to leave Elijah in the king’s ______, but God had a different ______.
B. The Hebrew name “Cherith” means to “cut _____, or cut _______.”
C. God told Elijah where he was to _____, what he was to do when he got there, and how he would manage to ________.
D. The first thing Elijah was supposed to do was ______.
E. God had at least two reasons for Elijah to hide:
   1. To _________ him.  2. To _________ him.
F. Without one moment’s _________, Elijah ________.
G. Elijah drank from the ________, and the ________ brought him bread and meat in the morning and evening.
H. Some times later the brook _______ ______.
I. Two important things to understand:
   1. God who gives water can also __________ water.
   2. The dried up brook was a result of Elijah’s own ________.

II. The Application
A. Four lessons from Cherith:
   1. Be as willing to be set ________ as we are to be used.
   2. God’s direction includes God’s ____________.
   3. Trust God _____ _____ at a time.
   4. A dried-up brook is often a sign of God’s ________, not ________.
B. Obstacles to overcome:
   1. ________.
   2. ________.
   3. ____________.