Elijah - Standing Alone in the Gap

“Advanced Training at Zarephath”

Psalm 91:1-4

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Introduction:
A. Every time something ____ happens, God is right there with us, getting us through, but instead of appreciating it, we sometimes ______ God.
B. I wonder if that’s how Elijah felt as went through his ____ training, and then went on to his ____ training.

I. The Story
A. When the brook dried up, God sent Elijah to ____________.
B. That name comes from the Hebrew verb that means “to ______, to smelt.”
   1. The noun form of it means “________.”
C. The crucibles of our suffering and challenges create ______________.
D. The trip from Cherith to Zarephath was at least ______ miles.
E. God made arrangements for Elijah to stay at the home of a ________.
F. Upon Elijah’s arrival at Zarephath, he encountered two immediate tests:
   1. The test of first _______________.
   2. The test of physical _______________.
G. In response to Elijah’s command, she “________” and she “______.”
H. In the midst of the crucible, Elijah and the widow ________, and God provided a ____________.
I. An even harder challenge then faced Elijah and the widow - her son ______.
J. Elijah took the _____ boy from his mother and __________ for him.
K. The Lord heard Elijah’s _____, and the boy’s______ returned to him.

II. The Application
A. God’s plan is often ____________; don’t try to figure it out.
B. God’s promises often hinge on our _______ and ______________; don’t ignore your part.
C. God’s provisions come at the right _______ and are often just __________; don’t fail to thank Him.
D. Just like with Elijah, God often uses the things that happen in our lives to ________ us for future _________.