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Your group matters.

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

*Icebreaker:* Who wore the most layers to group today, and were they still smiling? *Alternately:* What's your favorite memory or experience from 2021; how did God display His love and grace in your life last year?

1. In [1 Kings 16:29-33](#) we read a blunt, not very flattering synopsis of King Ahab's life. How would a synopsis of your life read? (Read the passage and consider its content in light of your own life.)
2. What did you know about Elijah before you heard Pastor Tom's message on Sunday? What was one thing that really stuck out about him, and why?
3. As king, Ahab believed he was in charge. Elijah and God used an area in which Ahab had zero control to set the record straight. Why was this pronouncement about weather such a big deal? ([1 Kings 17:1](#))
4. [1 Kings 17:2-6](#) details how God provided for Elijah. What are some ways that God has provided for you, your family or friends? (Probably w/out the ravens...)
5. God chose to care for Elijah in a miraculous way. How does this encourage your faith, and what about when God chooses not to act in [what you see as] your best interests?
6. What's your first takeaway from this new series, and how is it going to affect your life here and now? ([Hebrews 11:6](#), [James 2:17](#))

Day One: [Matthew 15](#)

Day Two: [Genesis 15](#)

Day Three: [Romans 15](#)

Day Four: [2 Timothy 1](#)

Day Five: [Job 15](#)

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Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.*

## PERSONAL GUIDE



Your story matters.



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# "THE FIRST DOORDASH"

Pastor Tom Lundeen

## MESSAGE NOTES

Note 1 Kings 16:29-33

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He's one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ and unusual individuals in the Bible (note 1 Kings 17:1a).

He's the only one of two people the Bible tells us did not \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ = *The Lord is my God*

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- The last book of the Old Testament tells us Elijah will return again (note \_\_\_\_\_ 4:5-6).
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Note James 5:17a

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This is pretty \_\_\_\_\_ for basically a total unknown telling the most powerful person in the land that he really didn't have power that matters.

Note 2 Kings 1:7-8

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### 3. God—You Got This

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God's got this:

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#### SO WHO'S GOT THIS IN YOUR LIFE?:

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- This \_\_\_\_\_ that the word of God was not dependent on the people, but the people were dependent on the word of God. (Vannoy)

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