

Victory Connect Lesson
The Uncanny Provision of God
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Introduction: Sometimes God chooses to provide for us in uncanny or unusual ways. We see in the life of Elijah God provided food carried by ravens and later God provided through a widow from Jezebel's hometown. Stay where God tells you to stay. A good thing can become a bad thing when you make it the main thing. Do not confuse the provision with the provider, do not confuse the supply with the source.

Key Passage: 1 Kings 17:1-14

1. King Ahab led the nation into idolatry. Idolatry can bring you into a dry place.

[1Ki 16:33 NLT] 33 Then he [Ahab] set up an Asherah pole. He did more to provoke the anger of the LORD, the God of Israel, than any of the other kings of Israel before him.

2. One word from God can impact an entire nation.

[1Ki 17:1 NLT] 1 Now Elijah, who was from Tishbe in Gilead, told King Ahab, "As surely as the LORD, the God of Israel, lives--the God I serve--there will be no dew or rain during the next few years **until I give the word!**"

3. God uncannily fed Elijah with food brought by ravens.

[1Ki 17:4 NLT] 4 Drink from the brook and eat what the ravens bring you, for I have commanded them to bring you food."

4. God later provided for Elijah through a poor widow.

[1Ki 17:9, 14 NLT] 9 "Go and live in the village of Zarephath, near the city of Sidon. I have instructed a widow there to feed you." ... 14 For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: **There will always be flour and olive oil** left in your containers until the time when the LORD sends rain and the crops grow again!"

5. God's mercies are new every morning.

[Lam 3:22-23 NLT] 22 The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. 23 Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever been delivered from a dry place?
2. Have you ever seen the answer hidden in a problem?
3. Share a time God provided for you in an unusual way?

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