

# God's Olympics

## Team Jesus

### Part 3A

#### Prayer life of a Spiritual Champion

#### James 5:16-18

All Spiritual Champions that we read about in God's Word had one thing in common they were all ..... Prayer.

Thank God our Heavenly Father still takes \_\_\_\_\_ . Jeremiah 33:3

The prayer life of one of the greatest members of Team JESUS is here in James 5.

We're going to look at Elijah's prayer life under 3 headings:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Elijah's prayer life.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of effective prayer.

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of effective prayer.

Tonight we're going to look at 4 specific prayers of Elijah that are recorded in the Bible.

These 4 prayers illustrate to us 4 results we can anticipate when we pray.

I. Chronicles of Elijah's Prayer Life. When we pray:

1. Expect the Lord to \_\_\_\_\_ the dead. (spiritually) please turn to 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 17  
Early in Elijah's ministry God led him to ..... that kept a widow and her son from starving to death. Later the little boy got sick & died.

Now notice 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 17:\_\_\_\_\_

The child that died represents ALL of us before we were saved. For God's Word says

before we met Jesus we were "dead in our trespasses and sins" Ephesians 2

Key thought: As God's people we need to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves in prayer for the lost.

If Elijah could trust God for a \_\_\_\_\_ resurrection we can trust God

for a \_\_\_\_\_ resurrection. Pray on.....

2. Expect the Lord to \_\_\_\_\_ the church.

The next time Elijah prays he's on Mt. Carmel. Israel has left their 1<sup>st</sup> love, they are cold ..... They desperately need revival. Are we listening America ??

Our only hope for \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ ! Look at 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 18:\_\_\_\_\_

Revival means to make \_\_\_\_\_ again ! The need of cold, dead churches is revival.

When our eyes are \_\_\_\_\_ when our faith is \_\_\_\_\_  
when our hearts are \_\_\_\_\_ and our prayers are \_\_\_\_\_ !

Lord send a revival.

Key thought: Revival will NEVER come to.....

3. Expect the Lord to \_\_\_\_\_ perseverance. (to be steadfast)

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time Elijah prays in the O.T.

Remember it's been \_\_\_\_ 1/2 years in Israel (no rain) because of there \_\_\_\_\_.

So after the people of Israel confessed that the "Lord, He is God"

Elijah begins..... 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 18: \_\_\_\_\_

James tells us in James 5 that Elijah \_\_\_\_\_ again and the Heavens  
brought an abundance of rain.

\_\_\_\_\_ times Elijah prayed, he persevered and God answered !

Key thought:

God's \_\_\_\_\_ are not necessarily God's \_\_\_\_\_ so keep on praying.

--- pass out papers ---

4. Expect the Lord to \_\_\_\_\_ some of our requests.

Elijah's final prayer recorded in the Bible is in 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 19.

After the fire fell and the false prophets of ..... Jezebel wanted Elijah dead,  
she placed.....

Now you'd think a man who had just called ..... would have had said bring it on.....

but instead the Bible says Elijah ran in fear for his life into the wilderness.

1<sup>st</sup> Kings 19: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank God

If God had answered that prayer, Elijah would have deprived himself of  
one of the greatest.....

He would have missed his \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ that  
escorted him from earth.....

Thank God for UNANSWERED PRAYERS !

**Keep On Praying Team JESUS**