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## *Devotion for September 2, 2021*

*1<sup>st</sup> Kings 18:20-40*

**Today's reading is from 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 18:20-40.** Often times I think we can get caught up in the lie that the Old Testament is not relevant for us today. That the issues they dealt with are far removed from our concerns now. But the reality is if God is unchanging, then His Word in its entirety is just as important for us today as it was when it was written.

In this passage, Elijah is condemning the people for trusting in false gods, for thinking that their God might not be enough on His own, perhaps a struggle some of us may have today. Elijah decides to enter into a contest of sorts with those who claim to be prophets of the false god Baal. They were each to prepare a sacrifice but not light a fire. When it came to that time each would pray that the fire be lit. It's no surprise to us now that the false god was not able to complete the task. Our God, however, not only lit the fire but did so after the wood had been doused with water.

After our day yesterday we can all understand what a good soaking looks like, but yet God in His power overcame. Truly nothing is impossible for our God, the one and only true God. I pray that you might live in the reassurance of the power of your God. Whatever may be going on in your life, God is powerful and in control of it all.

*God's blessings,  
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