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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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The Authority of our message

1 KINGS 17:1 NKJV – (1) And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word."

I'm sure that King Ahab's first thought after encountering the prophet Elijah may well have been, "Of all the nerve! Just who does this guy think he is?" Bursting onto the scene out of nowhere, Elijah confronted Israel's wicked king with a message that would soon disrupt life throughout the entire region.

The strength of the revelation rested with the Source, not the mouthpiece. Elijah was a man of great faith who believed what God told him; he could boldly speak with authority because he knew and trusted the One who gave the message. He spent time alone with the Lord and listened as he stood before Him.

Our Father doesn't speak to us in exactly the same manner that He spoke to the Old Testament prophets, but the process of receiving His message has not changed. It begins with being alone in His presence and involves listening as He speaks through His Word. But it should not end there.

Prophets had the responsibility of telling the people what the Lord revealed to them. Similarly, we are to share with others what we learn from God's Word. Devotional time with the Lord is not just about our own interests and needs. The Father reveals His treasures to us so that we can share them with others.

Begin each day alone with God in His Word and in prayer, listening as He speaks to your heart. Believe what He says in Scripture, **apply it to your life**, and then share with someone else what He has revealed. Be bold and remember that the authority of your message must come from Him.

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 119:105

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God's power to restore is stronger than Satan's power to destroy.

SOHL's mission is to sow God's word into the hearts of men and women that will propel them to their God-given destiny.

