

# ELIJAH

## MAN ON FIRE

### Part 3

## Getting Off the Fence

This past weekend Pastor Ken continued *Elijah – Man on Fire*. We are looking at the life of Elijah and our prayer is that the fire in Elijah would light a fire in us. Over the next five weeks, we invite you to journey with someone at work, your family, or find a place to do it alone or with a friend. Let's grow and do life together during this series.

Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him."

1 Kings 18:21

1. In this weekend's story God uses Elijah to challenge the nation of Israel to get off the fence and make a decision, either follow Baal or the one true God and then he challenges the false prophets to a contest (1 Kings 18:20-40). Maybe you're stuck on the fence about a decision you need to make in your life. It could be a shift in your career, writing that book, recording that music, or going back to school.
2. The biggest decision of all is who or what is going to be your god. It could be success, beauty, your career or ministry, possessions, or money (read Matthew 6:24-26, Luke 4:8, and Isaiah 54:5). God has such a deep devotion for us it is like the connection between a husband and wife. Having other gods is like inviting another man or woman into your marriage. That is why we must make Him the object of our devotion and ultimate worship.
3. The courage and confidence of Elijah was amazing. It was him against 450 false prophets, not to mention the king and queen. How was Elijah able to stand alone? It was because he knew that he was never by himself. He knew God was with him, and for him. Paul writes about being alone but not by himself in 2 Timothy 4:17. The key is if you must stand alone, you are never alone, God is with you.
4. Do you need to get off the fence? If you are not right with God, you can become right with him just like the people of Israel did when God consumed the entire sacrifice. Make a decision to follow the one true God.

Close in prayer