

TOPIC: MAKING IMPACT
THEME: MAKING MAXIMUM IMPACT
TEXT: GENESIS 12:1-5; 1 KINGS 17:1-10

Introduction

Elijah (“Yahweh is my God”) is a prophet who is known for his prayer and courage, an example of someone that clearly lived a life of purpose who without doubt made maximum impact and was documented as affecting his generation. Today we continue our study on making maximum impact, looking at the final points on the importance of **travelling** to discover and operate in the next level.

1 Kings 17:1-10 (KJV)

1 And Elijah the Tishbite, *who was* of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, *As* the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. **2** And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, **3** Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan. **4** And it shall be, *that* thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there. **5** So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith that *is* before Jordan. **6** And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook. **7** And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land. **8** And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, **9** Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which *belongeth* to Zidon, and dwell there

TRAVELLING – There is a need to travel in one’s strive to discover his or her purpose and maximise impact.

21. You’ve got to travel if those around you are happy with you been average and mediocre - Get away from there – **Hebrews 11:8**

Q: What is the enemy of ‘great’ for your life and why?

22. You’ve got to travel even if it meant being away from everyone and staying with Him. So that God wants you for Himself, by Himself – **Genesis 32:24**

23. Travel is a place where you hear His next instruction for direction and clear leading – **1 Kings 17:9**

Q: How important is listening and following God’s instruction?

24. When you travel with God, even nature will act contrary to its regular pattern to make God's purpose established in your life – e.g. The raven feeding Elijah **1 Kings 17:6**
25. Travelling is necessary for you to know blessing in the middle of buffetings – Breakthrough in the middle of battles **Psalms 27:5-6**
26. In the journey some stops are for a season (the brook was for a season) – **Genesis 26:2**
Q: How do you recognise in your journey if a stop is for a season?
27. When you get to the smelting place, He may tell you to dwell there – **1 Kings 17:10**
28. Travel must be immediate and as commanded by the Lord, If Elijah had delayed, he would have met a dead widow – **Kings 17:9**
Q: What is the importance of immediate obedience?
29. God may ask you to go to a place more barren (where the famine is harder), than where you used to know – but because His command is there, the earth will yield its fruit to you – **Genesis 26:12-13.**

CONCLUSION

You may be in that dry situation right now, just because God is about to bring out a miracle from that situation – Just like Abraham in Genesis 12:2; Matthew 19:26.

God told Abraham to move away to another land where He would bless and make a great nation through him. Abraham was 75 years old when he started out in faith and twenty-five years later his son, Isaac, was born to Sarah. In between those years, there were a lot of good and bad decisions on the part of Abraham and Sarah; however, God still honoured His promise to do the impossible.