

Pursued By God

Look Behind You

June 9, 2019

1 Kings 18:1-15

1. God has a long history of pursuing his people.

After a long time, in the third year, the word of the Lord came to Elijah: "Go and present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the land."

1 Kings 18:1

2. God will use an event or circumstance to get our attention.

Now the famine was severe in Samaria....

1 Kings 18:3

3. God creates divine appointments with the right people in the right timing.

As Obadiah was walking along, Elijah met him.

1 Kings 18:7

4. When God pursues us he will make himself known.

Elijah said, "As the Lord Almighty lives, whom I serve, I will surely present myself to Ahab today."

1 Kings 18:15

Action

Meditate on these questions:

Have you ever thought of God pursuing you?

What circumstance or event in your life is God trying to use to get your attention?

This week, practice awareness of the conversations you are having with people. Can you see where God might be working in these appointments?

Answers 1.pursuing 2.event 3.divine 4. known

Study

(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)

- **Monday** 1 John 3:1
- **Tuesday** 1 John 4:7
- **Wednesday** Galatians 2:20
- **Thursday** Jeremiah 29:11
- **Friday** Jeremiah 31:3
- **Saturday** Psalm 86:15

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Hebrews 4:12

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In Denial

June 16, 2019

1 Kings 18:16-18

1. Blame redirects responsibility.

When he saw Elijah, he said to him, "Is that you, you troubler of Israel?"

1 Kings 18:16

2. The humble are awake to the pursuit of God, the arrogant miss it.

I have not made trouble for Israel, but you and your father's family have.

1 Kings 18:18

3. If you don't know or understand the commands of God-it's time to learn.

You have abandoned the Lord's commands and have followed the Baals.

1 Kings 18:18

4. When you grasp God's law you will realize His love.

And I'll stride freely through wide open spaces as I look for your truth and your wisdom;

Psalms 119:45

Action

Meditate on these questions:

When have you tried to blame other people for things you were responsible for?

How could the situation have turned out different if you had approached it with humility?

What will it take for you to understand the commands of God? And how to practice them? (hint: the commands are "Love God, Love Others")

Answers 1. redirects 2. awake 3. learn 4. grasp

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- **Tuesday** **Deuteronomy 30:16**
- **Wednesday** **1 Corinthians 10:23**
- **Thursday** **Galatians 5:22-23**
- **Friday** **Psalms 103:17-18**
- **Saturday** **Galatians 6:2**

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