

1 Kings 17:22-24

Then the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived. And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives!" Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is the truth."

We always seem to be putting out fleeces and seeking signs looking for the truth or answers from God, and we want some awesome miracle before we will believe that it's from God.

Long story short of what's going on here in today's devotional verses, is that this widow's son dies, and Elijah comes and brings him back to life (Actually the Lord brought him back to life, Elijah was just an instrument). So reading that, and the last verse that this woman said was right, in what she said, right?

† *Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is the truth."*

Well, yes and no, sure a miracle was performed and God raised her son from the dead, but you actually have to go back to the beginning of the chapter and read the entire story.

† **1 Kings 17:8-16** *Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you." So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink." And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." So she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.' " So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah.*

Now as you just read, a huge miracle was just performed, but it seems she doubted until an even bigger miracle was performed.

Therefore, we need to ask the question, “What does it take for us to believe?” A mighty wind, earthquake or fire How about just a whisper?

† **1 Kings 19:11-12** *Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD. ' And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.*