

## Relationship or Sink

*Trusting – I Kings 17:7-16*

## Discussion Points

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### Read/Reflect

1. Review the entire Elijah story which begins at I Kings 17 and concludes at II Kings 2. Then read I Kings 17:7-16. Why do you think the account of Elijah the prophet begins in this way, given everything else that happens subsequently?
2. If you were Elijah, starting in ministry according to the events of I Kings 17, what would go through your mind, what response or reactions would you have?
3. If you were the widow of Zarephath, (a widow had little status in ancient times, Zarephath was outside of Israel - and therefore she's not "of the people of God") what would go through your mind as this stranger comes to you for hospitality.

### Explore

4. How would you rate yourself with respect to trusting people?  
 Too trusting  
 I trust only if deserved  
 Suspicious of others  
 Trust no one
5. How does Jesus' instruction to be as wise as serpents and as innocent as doves (Matthew 10:16) apply to trusting others? Does it also apply to trusting God?
6. If you practice trusting God, is it easier to trust others? If you learn to trust others, is it easier to trust God?
7. What is the relationship between trusting and being able to enjoy life or to approach life more playfully?  
 Does trusting help you let go of worry or make you more uptight?  
 Does trusting strengthen your relationships or jeopardize you?

### Pray

- ✝ Share your struggle to trust (whether at all or too much) with someone and pray together for a heart to trust God and others
- ✝ Pray that your trust in God would reflect in trusting others and build family/community stronger.

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