

FoDCC: 25th May - Tim Cracknell
Receiving God's provision in Tough Times - part 7
1 Kings 17:1-16

1. Recognise that God is the provider

"First Ahab built a temple and an altar for Baal in Samaria." 1 Kings 16:32

Contrast with:

"Then Jehoiada made a covenant between himself and the king and the people that they would be the Lord's people. And all the people went over to the temple of Baal and tore it down." 2 Chronicles 23:16-17

2. Look for Gods provision

"Go to the east and hide by Kerith Brook, near where it enters the Jordan River." 1 Kings 17:3

"So Elijah did as the Lord told him and camped beside Kerith Brook, east of the Jordan. The ravens brought him bread and meat each morning and evening, and he drank from the brook." 1 Kings 17:5-6

3. Receive Gods provision

*"The ravens brought him bread and meat each morning and evening, and he drank from the brook."
1 Kings 17:6*

4. Understand that God will provide in different ways in the seasons of life

"But after a while the brook dried up, for there was no rainfall anywhere in the land. "Go and live in the village of Zarephath, near the city of Sidon. I have instructed a widow there to feed you." 1 Kings 17:7

5. Follow the example of our sacrificial provider

"But she said, "I swear by the Lord your God that I don't have a single piece of bread in the house. And I have only a handful of flour left in the jar and a little cooking oil in the bottom of the jug. I was just gathering a few sticks to cook this last meal, and then my son and I will die." But Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid! Go ahead and do just what you've said, but make a little bread for me first. Then use what's left to prepare a meal for yourself and your son. For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: There will always be flour and olive oil left in your containers until the time when the Lord sends rain and the crops grow again!" So she did as Elijah said, and she and Elijah and her family continued to eat for many days." 1 Kings 17:12-15

"And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19