

From Where Does Courage Come?

1 Kings 16:29-17:6

In the ever-increasing _____ environment in which we live, it seems _____ to stand up for Biblical truth and faith are in short supply. Today we begin a sermon series based on the prophet Elijah who served God with extreme courage.

Elijah's ministry began at a pathetic, _____ in the history of God's people. What stands out about Elijah is his courage—courage to confront even a king and stand for _____ and righteousness in a nation that has _____ God and written their _____ regarding spirituality and morality. We wonder, "From where does such courage come?"

We know nothing certain about Elijah's previous life and calling by God. But we do know some things about him simply from his name. Elijah means "Yahweh is _____." Many believe it was the name he was given, or he chose when he realized _____ on his life. Elijah's name established the fact that he knew _____ when so many chose other gods. His name reveals the secret of Elijah's courage to serve in a nation hostile to God.

Elijah knew who his God was. This is _____ question of life. What we consider ultimate—what we venerate above all else—soon becomes life _____ for us.

Elijah knew his _____ given by God—he knew _____. If Yahweh is your God, then you have a name—a defining _____ and _____ given by God. To know your name is to know what God has called you—called you to ____, to ____.

What is your name? What is God's purpose for your life? Ask the Lord _____ for His purposes and ministry.

If you can answer these two questions confidently, the courage to _____ Him faithfully and _____ Him boldly will follow as a _____.