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## 1 Kings 17:1

After encountering the prophet Elijah, King Ahab may well have thought, *Of all the nerve! Just who does this guy think he is?* Bursting onto the scene as if out of nowhere, Elijah confronted Israel's wicked king with a message that would soon disrupt life throughout the region.

The validity of the prophecy rested with the Source, not the mouthpiece. Elijah was a man of great faith who spent time alone with the Lord and listened to Him carefully. The prophet could pass the message on with boldness and authority because he knew and trusted the One from whom it came.

We can't expect our Father to communicate with us in exactly the same way that He spoke to the Old Testament prophets, but the process of receiving His message hasn't changed. It starts with being alone in His presence and listening as He speaks through His Word. But it shouldn't end there.

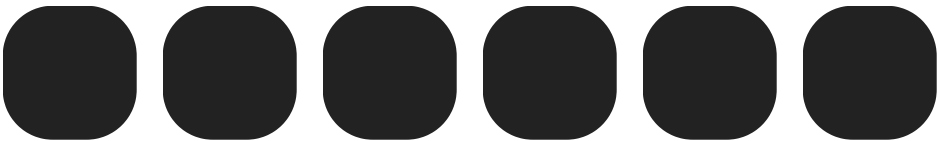
Prophets had the responsibility of telling the people what the Lord revealed to them. Similarly, we're to share with others what we learn from God's Word. Devotional time with the Lord is not just about our own interests and needs. The Father reveals His truths to us so we can share them with others.

Begin each day alone with God in His Word and in prayer, listening as He speaks to your heart. Believe what He says in Scripture, apply it to your life, and then share with someone else what He has revealed. Be bold and remember that the authority of your message comes from Him.

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