

## 引言 INTRODUCTION

Household brand-name is an interesting phenomenon. It is a success if customers can associate some particular names with certain products. When people need some tissue, they may say: “Please pass me a Kleenex.” Even to this day, people call four-wheel-drive cars “Jeep” because it is the most famous brand. When I grew up, a country-side town called Yuen Long was well-known for its egg-rolls. Now you can find Yuen Long egg-rolls in most Chinese grocery stores. But of course, none of them is made there anymore. What is true for products is also valid for people. When the Jews think of a prophet, most likely Elijah will pop up on their mind. Elijah did a lot of great work in the history of Israel. In particular, Elijah had some interactions with king Ahab of Israel. We studied Asa, a godly king in Judah last week. Today we will switch our focus to Israel. The slide on the screen shows a few northern kings that we will skip. There is not much record about them. We said before that the Bible describes all the kings in the north as wicked. They worshipped idols instead of Jehovah. Let me quickly go through the names on the list. Jeroboam’s son Nadad ruled for two years. He and the rest of Jeroboam’s family members were killed by Baasha. That fulfilled God’s judgment on Jeroboam for idolatry. Baasha governed the country for 24 years before his son Elah succeeded him. An official called Zimri murdered Elah two years later and seized the throne. After merely one week, some people who were loyal to Elah rose up against Zimri. This poor fellow committed suicide by setting himself on fire. An army commander, Omri, then became the king. Twelve years later, Omri passed the baton to Ahab. The Bible says Ahab surpassed his dad to become the most wicked king in the history of Israel. Ahab married a princess of Sidon named Jezebel. He made Baal and Asherah the official deities of the nation. Prophet Elijah was called by God to convict Ahab. We will study Elijah’s life in three chapters to see how God interacted with the prophet through a series of events. The main lesson for us is this: God cares both about His work and His workers.

## 解釋 EXPLANATION

### 1. 信心的顯明 Faith Reflected

First, we see Elijah’s faith reflected in how he followed God’s instructions. We will read from **1 Kings 17:1-6**. God sent Elijah to inform Ahab that there would be no rain until he spoke again. Eventually, the drought lasted for three years. It was a means to discipline Ahab and Israel for idolatry. Canaanites believed that Baal was a god of storm. However, every now and then Baal would be “killed” by the god of death. There would be no rain when Baal ceased to function, until another deity overcame the god of death and brought Baal back to life. That was how the local people interpreted the changing of weather. Elijah implied that there was a greater force than Baal. It was no joke for Elijah to make such a bold statement. Immediately after that, God told Elijah to flee. From Samaria, Elijah went eastward for about 20 miles. God sent ravines to bring Elijah food every morning and evening. The picture reminds us of God’s provision of manna to the Israelites in the wilderness. It was a test of faith. God will provide for our needs wherever He leads us. Can I get a witness? December of 1992 was the first winter break when I came to the U.S. I went with a family to a mission conference held on the east coast. We drove

long hours on the road. I thought of the unknown future as I gazed at the darkness ahead of us. But God is always faithful to me. You may have a similar experience like I do. God never promises us a huge surplus, but He give us sufficient grace. When the right moment comes, God will take us to the next stop, just like how He led Elijah. Let us continue to read [verse 7-12](#). Elijah went north to Zarephath of Sidon. It was the home-country of queen Jezebel. We often hear a movie line: the most dangerous place is actually the safest place. The passage says Ahab searched everywhere to capture Elijah. Ahab would never have thought that Elijah was hiding in Sidon. This time God asked Elijah to stay at a widow's home. This stranger from Israel asked her for water and food. Out of the social convention of hospitality, she could not refuse the request. The lack of rain greatly impacted the livelihood of everyone. The widow thought that her family would eat the last meal that day. But Elijah assured her of God's provision. Look at [verse 14](#): "For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord gives rain on the land.'" Things did turn out the way as Elijah said. That reminds me of the miracle of five loaves and two fish Jesus performed. The food kept coming like the output of a copying machine, until everyone was satisfied. Elijah stated that he spoke for "the Lord, the God of Israel." The people of Sidon believed that Baal controlled the rain. But Jehovah could produce flour and oil even when wheat and olive trees could not grow. We cannot tell how much the woman believed in Jehovah at this point. But it would surely be a good idea to keep Elijah at home if he could bring unlimited food. Then something tragic happened. Continue to read [verses 17 and 18](#). The widow was being superstitious. A holy man of God brought God's judgment to her son. Actually, Elijah thought the same if you look at verse 20! The prophet did the one thing any Christian or pagan would do. He prayed for God's mercy. God thus restored the boy to life. Now the lady truly believed. Look at [verse 24](#): Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord from your mouth is the truth." The incident did not only testify the true God to a pagan, it also strengthened the faith of Elijah. God could create something out of nothing. God is at work even today when people around us no longer believe in Him. He restores our faith when we are weak. Elijah witnessed God's mighty power even in Baal's territory. It would be a huge encouragement to prepare him for the next assignment.

## 2. 信心的復興 Faith Reformed

Elijah's faith was reflected by his obedience to God's instructions. After three years of drought, God now sent the prophet back to Samaria to meet with Ahab. God was about to reform the faith of the Israelites. While Elijah was on his way, he met a royal official named Obadiah. He was a faithful follower of God. When queen Jezebel ordered to kill the prophets of Jehovah, Obadiah hid one hundred of those prophets. Though the whole country fell to idolatry, there were still some believers of God. We ought to feel sad that the morality of this country is on the decline. From the politicians to the general public, most people care more about wealth and pleasure than their relationship with God. Christians are always the minorities in the society. However, we should not underestimate the influence we can bring. We may not start a grassroots movement or run for a public office. But we can ask God to change the hearts of our leaders. We can show God's love and compassion to the people around us too. We convey a message that God still cares about them. Then Elijah asked Ahab to gather some false prophets to meet with him. Let us read [18:20-24](#). The scene looked like a TV commercial of a laundry detergent. Brand A is unable to wash away the toughest stains on a shirt. In contrast, brand B does a superb job. It is obvious

which one is a better product. Likewise, which deity sent fire to burn up the offering was the real God. In verse 21, Elijah urged the people to make a decision between Jehovah and false gods. His message targeted those whose mind was undecided. The false prophets might be brainwashed by the fake doctrines, or they were unwilling to give up the personal gain from their practice. When Jesus preached the gospel, He invited those who would listen. Some of the Jews, especially the religious teachers had made up their mind to reject the truth. God sends us to tell people about Jesus. We should pray that the Holy Spirit will revive people's soul. Elijah asked the false prophets to perform their ritual first. They set up an altar and prepared the sacrifice. From morning to noon, they shouted and danced but there was no fire from the sky. Elijah ridiculed that perhaps Baal was taking a walk or a nap. The false prophets then tried something more extreme. They cut themselves with knives as part of their religious practice. There was still no response from Baal at sunset. Next, it was Elijah's turn. Continue to read **verse 30 to 33**. The 12 stones denoted the 12 tribes of Israel. The symbolic meaning was to restore God's covenant broken by His people. God did not only look at the northern 10 tribes. He always saw Israel as a complete entity. Elijah then asked people to drench the altar with water, and repeated it two more times. That would rule out the possibility that a spark in the dry wood could start a flame. What happened next? We move on to read **verse 36 to 39**. Reformation of people's faith begins with a sincere prayer. Elijah mentioned twice that he wanted everyone to witness that Jehovah was the God of Israel. Second, Elijah hoped to verify that he was sent by God. Third, Elijah wanted his people to return to God. Jehovah responded to Elijah's prayer. The fire consumed everything: the sacrifice and wood, even the rocks, soil and water. People at the scene kneeled and proclaimed that Jehovah was God. Elijah then asked people to kill all the false prophets. God validated His name through the miracle. The chapter ends with a storm, just as Elijah prophesied. Baal was proved to be powerless. It could not bring rain or fire. People had no doubt that Jehovah was the true God. Reformation of faith begins with a prayer, whether it is the relationship between us or this country with God. God can manifest His power when we humbly seek Him.

### 3. 信心的重整 Faith Refined

Elijah experienced a spectacular victory. He might think he would cause a widespread revival in Israel. Ahab would send his wife back to Sidon and declare that from now on people could only worship Jehovah. None of that occurred. After Ahab told Jezebel what had happened, she made a vow to ask for Elijah's head within the next 24 hours. God had not finished His work on Elijah just yet. He had to refine Elijah's faith before He could continue to use him. Now let us read **19:3-6**. Elijah showed no fear toward Baal or Ahab, but Jezebel. Some men are confident to meet their CEO but are afraid of a needle. In the world history, we see quite a few ladies like Jezebel who had authority. Now Jezebel wanted to kill Elijah. He was so dejected that he asked God to take his life. Why didn't he commit suicide like Judas who betrayed Jesus did? Elijah was actually venting his frustration to God. He then fell asleep. An angel woke him up and brought him food. Just like God dispatched some ravens, He reassured Elijah that He would continue to provide for His servant. Sometimes, a spiritual breakdown can occur soon after a victory. Perhaps you lead a long-time non-believer to Christ. After you go home, your child has an accident or you have a quarrel with your spouse. Then you lament to God about the new problem. Instead of lecturing Elijah, God gave him time to eat and sleep. Resting is often the most spiritual thing to do when we are exhausted or feeling depressed. I am a very routine person. I simply cannot think properly if I do not eat and sleep at the right time. After the meal,

Elijah went back to slumber. Once again, the angel woke Elijah up for a meal. He spent the next 40 days and nights to travel to Mount Horeb. That journey was over 200 miles! Another name for Mount Horeb is Mount Sinai. That was the place where God gave Moses the Law. Please continue to read [verses 9 and 10](#). God was not looking for an answer. He wanted Elijah to ponder on his actions and attitude. Everything Elijah said was true except for the fact that he was not the last man standing. Obadiah hid one hundred prophets of Jehovah. God said later that He had also spared 7,000 of His faithful followers. When we feel disheartened, we may think that we are the only persons still loyal to God. Perhaps no other coworker agrees with the problem you see or shares your vision. We can learn from the way God refined Elijah's faith. He asked Elijah to come out from the cave to meet Him. There was a gust of strong wind, followed by an earthquake then fire. But God did not appear in any of those natural phenomena. After everything died down, God spoke to Elijah in a soft whisper. He repeated the same question: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" Elijah experienced God's manifestation on Mount Carmel. But miracle does not happen on a daily basis. Many Christians love to go to a conference to listen to some worship bands and big-name speakers. But we cannot count on those experience alone for our spiritual growth. God can speak to us from any Bible passage, only if we are ready to pay attention to His gentle whisper. Our relationship with God is built up from spending time with Him daily in those silent moments. Till the end, God answered the prophet by giving him new tasks. Let us read [verses 15 and 16](#). Why did God ask Elijah to install three new leaders? The message was simple: God was still in full control from the international to personal affairs. Later on, both Hazael and Jehu assassinated the existing kings and seized their thrones. People might interpret the events as plots for power struggle. But God had His divine will. He even used a foreign nation like Aram, and a disobedient country like Israel to achieve His purposes. God also told Elijah to install Elisha to succeed him. God still had unfinished business for Elijah to complete. God may not tell us why things do not go our way even when we are zealous for Him. We want to give up. God's only answer to us is perhaps: "Get up. I still have work for you to do." We focus on effectiveness and success. But God looks for our faithfulness.

## 結論 CONCLUSION

God cares both about His work and His workers. Even though Elijah performed a miracle, he was only a human. It always gives me great comfort whenever I think of [James 5:17](#) when the author says: "Elijah was a man just like us..." We can be physically and spiritually weak like Elijah did. God does not need us to do His work. Rather, we need God to do His work. God restored Elijah through a whisper on Mount Horeb. That was where the nation of Israel began through God's covenant and Law. Although Israel was disobedience, God's heart had never changed. Very often when we feel puzzled about God's plan for us, we also need to climb up our Mount Horeb. We go back to a critical point of our faith journey. It can be your first Bible, your baptism certificate or an old picture you took with some brothers and sisters. That item will help rekindle your passion for God. God will ask us the same question at different life junctures: "What are you doing here?" My Mount Horeb is a bookmark I received at one summer camp. It is a keepsake when I committed my life to serve God as a full-time minister. Here I am more than 33 years later. It is all God's grace. His work in my life and yours has not finished yet.

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家傳戶曉的牌子是一個有趣的現象。如果消費者能夠把某些牌子和產品聯想在一起，那就被視為是成功了。有些人需要用紙巾時，他們會說：「請給我送一張 Kleenex。」直到今天，人們普遍叫四輪驅動的汽車為「吉普車」，因為它是最有名的牌子。在我成長時，一個叫做元朗的郊區城市以雞蛋捲而聞名。現在，你可以在大多數中國超市買到元朗蛋捲。但是，當然，它們都不是在那裡製造的。名牌這個現象也同樣出現在人物上面。當猶太人想到先知時，以利亞很可能會在他們腦海中浮現。以利亞在以色列歷史上做了很多偉大的事情。特別是以利亞與以色列王亞哈的一些接觸。上週我們學習了敬虔的猶大王亞撒。今天，我們將把重點轉向以色列。屏幕上的幻燈片列出一些我們將跳過的北國君王。聖經中關於他們的記錄不多。我們之前說過，聖經形容所有北國的王都是邪惡的。他們拜偶像而不是敬拜耶和華。讓我們很快看一下這些名字。耶羅波安的儿子拿答統治了兩年。他和耶羅波安的其他家人被巴沙殺死。這便應驗了神對耶羅波安拜偶像的審判。巴沙在位 24 年後被他的兒子以拉接替。兩年後，一位名叫心利的官員暗殺了以拉並奪取王位。僅僅一周之後，一些忠於以拉的人起來反對心利。於是他自焚而死。元帥暗利隨後成為王。十二年後，暗利將棒子交給亞哈。聖經說亞哈青出於藍，成為以色列歷史上最邪惡的君王。亞哈娶了西頓的公主耶洗別為妻。他將巴力和亞舍拉定為國家的官方神明。先知以利亞被神呼召去定亞哈的罪。我們會從三章的經文來看以利亞的生平，了解神如何透過一系列事件與以利亞產生互動。今天我們主要的教訓是：神關心祂的工作，祂也同樣關心祂的工人。

## 解釋 EXPLANATION

### 1. 信心的顯明 Faith Reflected

首先，我們看到以利亞遵循神的指示，顯明他對神的信心。我們來讀**列王紀上 17:1-6**。神差遣以利亞去告訴亞哈，在他下一次禱告之前都不會下雨。結果，旱災持續了三年。這是神對亞哈和以色列拜偶像的管教。迦南人相信巴力是暴風雨的神。但是，巴力偶爾會被死亡之神「殺死」。巴力停止運作時將不會下雨，直到另一個神明克服了死神並使巴力復活。那就是當地人如何解釋天氣的變化。以利亞暗示，有一股比巴力更大的力量存在。以利亞是冒著生命危險如此地講話。然後，神告訴以利亞要逃命。以利亞從撒瑪利亞出發，向東走了約 20 英里來到基立溪。神每天早晚差遣烏鴉送食物給以利亞。那個畫面使我們想到神在曠野供應嗎哪給以色列人。這是信心的考驗。無論神帶領我們到那裡，神都會賜給我們的需要。你們同

意嗎？1992年12月是我來美國的第一個寒假。有一家人帶我去東岸參加一個差傳會議。我們花很長的時間開車。看著前面的一片漆黑，我就想到未知的將來。但神是信實的。你可能也有類似的經歷。神從來沒有向我們保證大富大貴，但是祂給我們足夠的恩典。當適合的時機來到時，神會將我們帶到下一站，就像祂帶領以利亞一樣。讓我們繼續看第7-12節。以利亞向北走到了西頓的撒勒法。那是皇后耶洗別的家鄉。我們經常聽到電影的一句台詞：最危險的地方實際上是最安全的地方。經文說亞哈到處尋找以利亞。亞哈沒有想到以利亞會躲在她太太的家鄉。這次神要以利亞寄居在一個寡婦的家裡。這個來自以色列的陌生人向她要水和食物。由於款待客人的風俗習慣，她無法拒絕以利亞的請求。缺乏雨水嚴重地打擊所有人的生活。寡婦以為她的家人那天要吃最後一頓飯。但是以利亞向她保證了神的安排。請看第14節：因為耶和華以色列的神如此說：「罈內的麵必不減少，瓶裡的油必不缺短，直到耶和華使雨降在地上的日子。」事情正如以利亞說的發生了。那使我想起了耶穌所行五餅二魚的神蹟。食物就像複印機印刷一樣出來，直到每個人都吃飽為止。以利亞說，他是代表「耶和華以色列的神」說話。西頓人相信巴力控制下雨。但是，即使小麥和橄欖樹無法生長，耶和華也可以供應麵粉和油。到目前為止，我們無法肯定這個婦人對耶和華有多少的信心。但是，如果以利亞可以繼續帶來糧食，那麼把他留在家裡絕對是個好主意。但是後來發生了悲劇。請繼續讀第17和18節。這名寡婦有一點迷信。神差遣一位聖潔的僕人審判她的兒子。實際上，如果你看第20節，以利亞也得出同樣的結論！於是以利亞便做了基督徒或異教徒都會做的一件事。他禱告求神憐憫。神便使那個孩子復活。現在這個寡婦真的相信了。看第24節：婦人對以利亞說：「現在我知道你是神人，耶和華藉你口所說的話是真的。」這件事情不僅向一個異教徒證明了真神，而且也加強了以利亞的信心。神可以從無變有。直到今天，神仍在作工，雖然我們周圍很多人不再相信祂。當我們軟弱的時候，神能加添我們的信心。以利亞見證了神在巴力掌權的地方施展能力。他得到激勵為下一個任務做好準備。

## 2. 信心的復興 Faith Reformed

以利亞對神的順服顯明了他的信心。在三年乾旱之後，神要以利亞回到撒瑪利亞，與亞哈見面。神將要復興以色列人的信心。以利亞在途中遇到一位名叫俄巴底的官員。他是神的忠心跟隨者。當耶洗別下令殺死耶和華的先知時，俄巴底隱藏了其中一百個先知。儘管整個國家都陷入偶像崇拜，但仍然有一些神的信徒。我們應該為這個國家的道德走下坡感到難過。從政客到一般大眾，大多數人只追求財富和享樂，但毫不關心他們與神的關係。基督徒永遠是社會上的少數民族。但是，我們不應低估我們可以帶來的影響。我們可能不會發起基層運動或參加競選。但是我們可以要求神改變我們領袖的心意。我們也可以向周圍的人表達神的愛和憐憫。我們透過行動證明神仍然在乎他們。以利亞要求亞哈召集一些假先知與他見面。讓我們讀18:20-24。現場的情形看起來像是電視廣告中的洗衣粉。牌子A無法洗掉衣服上最

頑固的污痰。相比之下，牌子 B 卻洗得很乾淨。很明顯那一個產品比較好。同樣，那一個神降火燒了祭物就是真神。在第 21 節中，以利亞敦促人民在耶和華與假神之間做出決定。他的信息針對那猶豫不決的人。假先知可能已經被錯誤的思想洗腦，或者他們不願意放棄宗教事業帶來的利益。耶穌傳福音時，祂向那些願意聽的人發出邀請。一些猶太人，特別是宗教領袖早已下定決心拒絕接受真理。神差遣我們向人傳講耶穌。我們必須祈求聖靈甦醒人們的心靈。以利亞讓假先知先進行儀式。他們建了一個祭壇並準備好祭物。從早晨到中午，他們又喊又跳，但天上沒有降火。以利亞嘲笑巴力可能出去散步或正在午睡。於是假先知採取更激烈的手段。按他們的宗教風俗，他們用刀割自己。到傍晚時巴力依然沒有回應。接下來，輪到以利亞了。繼續讀第 30 至 33 節。12 塊石頭代表以色列的 12 個支派。含義是修復被神的子民破壞的盟約。神不僅專注北國的 10 個支派，祂把以色列視為一個整體。以利亞隨後要求人們澆水在壇上，並重複兩次。這就排除了乾燥的木柴產生火花引起火焰的可能性。接下來如何？我們繼續讀第 36 至 39 節。信心的復興開始於真誠的禱告。以利亞兩次提到，他希望所有人都看清楚耶和華是以色列的神。其次，以利亞希望證明自己是神所差遣的。第三，以利亞希望他的子民回歸神。耶和華回應了以利亞的禱告。火燒毀了一切：祭物和木頭，甚至是石頭、泥土和水。現場的人們跪下來並宣稱耶和華是神。以利亞隨後要求他們殺死所有的假先知。神通過神蹟見證了祂的真實。正如以利亞所預言的那樣，本章以暴風雨結束。事實證明，巴力無能為力。他無法降雨或降火。人們毫不懷疑耶和華是真神。信心的復興是從禱告開始，不論是我們還是這個國家與神之間的關係。當我們謙卑地尋求神時，神就彰顯祂的能力。

### 3. 信心的重整 Faith Refined

以利亞經歷了一次壯觀的勝利。他也許以為他會因此掀起全國的靈命復興。亞哈會把妻子送回西頓，宣布從此人們只能敬拜耶和華。但是這些事情都沒有發生。亞哈告訴耶洗別發生了什麼事之後，她發誓要以利亞在 24 小時之內人頭落地。神還沒有完成祂在以利亞身上的工作。在繼續使用他之前，神必須重整以利亞的信心。現在讓我們讀 19:3-6。以利亞並不懼怕巴力或亞哈，但是他卻害怕耶洗別。有些男士有信心面對公司的總裁，但卻害怕打針。在歷史上，我們看到一些像耶洗別那樣有權威的女士。現在，耶洗別想殺死以利亞。他是如此的沮喪，甚至要求神奪去他的性命。他為什麼不像背叛耶穌的猶大那樣自殺？以利亞實際上只是在向神發洩而已。然後他睡著了。一個天使叫醒了他，給他食物吃。神就像之前差派烏鴉一樣，祂向以利亞保證，祂會繼續供應以利亞的需要。有時候，屬靈的崩潰會發生在一場勝利之後不久。也許你帶領了一個頑固的非信徒信主。回家後，你的孩子發生意外或是與配偶發生爭吵。然後，你便向神埋怨。神沒有和以利亞說任何道理，而是給他吃飯和睡覺的時間。當我們精疲力盡或感到沮喪時，休息常常是最屬靈的事情。我是一個很有規律的人。如果沒有按時吃飯和睡覺，我根本無法正常思考。吃完東

西後，以利亞又睡一覺。天使再次叫醒他吃飯。接下來的 40 個晝夜，他走到何烈山。那趟旅程超過 200 英里！何烈山的另一個名字是西奈山。那是神賜予摩西律法的地方。請繼續讀第 9 和第 10 節。神不是在要求答案。祂乃是要以利亞思考自己的行為和態度。以利亞所說的一切都是事實，除了他不是唯一對神忠心的人。俄巴底隱藏了一百個耶和華的先知。神稍後補充，祂還保全了 7,000 名忠實的跟隨者。當我們感到沮喪時，我們可能以為自己是唯一仍然忠於神的人。也許沒有其他同工認同你所看到的問題或是你的建議。我們可以從神重整以利亞的信心中學習。神要求以利亞從山洞出來見祂。一陣強風吹起，接著是地震，然後是火。但是神沒有出現在任何一個自然現象中。一切都平靜下來之後，神在微聲中向以利亞說話。祂重複同樣的問題：「以利亞啊，你在這裡做什麼？」以利亞經歷了神在迦密山上的顯現。但是神蹟不可能每天都會發生。許多基督徒喜歡參加大型會議，聽一些敬拜樂隊和知名的講員。但是我們不能僅僅倚靠這些活動來建立我們的屬靈生命。唯有當我們準備好的時候，神才能通過聖經對我們微聲說話。我們和神的關係是建立在每天的安靜時刻。直到最後，神藉著給以利亞新的任務來回應他。讓我們讀第 15 和 16 節。為什麼神要以利亞任命三位新的領袖？其中的信息很簡單：從國際動態到個人事務，神完全掌控一切。後來，哈薛和耶戶都暗殺了當政的王而篡位。人們可能以為這些事情是權力鬥爭的陰謀。但是神在背後有祂的旨意。祂甚至可以使用像亞蘭這樣的外邦，或像以色列那樣背逆的國家來達成祂的計劃。神還告訴以利亞找以利沙來接替他。神還有仍未完成的事情要以利亞去做。當我們為神大發熱心，但卻得不到預期的結果，神不一定會告訴我們原因為何。我們想要放棄。神給我們的唯一回答也許是：「站起來。我還有工作要你去完成。」我們可能把焦點放在果效和成就，但是神看重的是我們的忠心。

## 結論 CONCLUSION

神關心祂的工作，祂也同樣關心祂的工人。儘管以利亞行了神蹟，但他只是一個平凡人。每當我想到雅各書 5:17 的時候，我總是感到非常安慰。作者說：以利亞與我們是一樣性情的人…。神不需要我們去做祂的工作。相反，我們需要神的幫助來完成祂的工作。神在何烈山上藉著微聲恢復以利亞的信心。神在那裡頒布祂的約和律法，以色列國因此便誕生了。儘管以色列背逆神，但神的心從未改變。很多時候，當我們對神的作為感到疑惑時，我們需要回到我們的何烈山。我們回顧信仰之旅的關鍵時刻。它可以是你的第一本聖經、浸禮的證書或是你和一些弟兄姐妹所拍的舊照片。那些東西會幫助你重新點燃對神的熱情。神會在不同的時刻問我們同樣的問題：「你在這裡做什麼？」我的何烈山是我在一個夏令會中拿到的書籤。當時我向神委身，願意成為全時間的傳道人，書籤是一份紀念品。超過 33 年後，我站在這裡。一切都是神的恩典。神在你和我生命中的工作還沒有完成。