

# My Life in 2015: My Church

1.25.15

## I. Introduction

A. *Proverbs 29:18*

*Where there is no vision, the people perish...*

B. Everyone ends up somewhere, but few people end up somewhere on purpose.

C. Ahab and Jezebel

*1 Kings 16:13*

*Ahab did more to provoke the Lord, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.*

D. Elijah

*1 Kings 17:4*

*"You shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens (Baltimore Ravens) to feed you there."*

## II. Unlikely

A. *1 Kings 17:8-12*

*Then the word of the Lord came to him: 9 "Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food." 10 So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" 11 As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread." 12 "As surely as the Lord your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread.. but a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it.. and die."*

B. *1 Kings 17:13-23*

*Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. 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." 15 She went away and did as Elijah told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and the woman and her family. 16 For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah. 17 Some time later ( how long we do not know, but there was food for her and her house for some time) the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. 18 She said to Elijah, "What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?" 19 "Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying with , and laid him on his bed. 20 Then he cried out to the*

*Lord, "O Lord my God, have you brought tragedy also upon this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?" 21 Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried to the Lord," O Lord my God, let this boy's life return to him!" 22 The Lord heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived.23 Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room in the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!"*

C. God uses unlikely people, in unlikely places, in highly unlikely circumstances, to produce unlikely result!

### **III. Waiting**

A. Waiting for change

1. Here or there?

B. Waiting for more

*1 Kings 17:12*

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1. Scarcity vs. Sufficiency
2. The principle of the first fruits.

C. Waiting to die

1. The seeds of greatness are in you. You're an image bearer of Almighty God Himself.

### **IV. Conclusion**