

# A Life of Hope

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'LIVING A LIFE OF HOPE IN PRAYER'

1 KINGS

1 Kings 16:29-33 :: 17:1-4.

Read and discuss briefly what is the main theme and what are the contrasts between Ahab and Elijah ?

1. Cathy's statement "Israel was a mess because Israel's eyes had turned away to false Gods – so what is your mess today e.g. health issues". Discuss issues we have to deal with and in what ways can we grow in hope from handling these matters ?

2. 1 Kings 17; 7-16 . Cathy said "By faith Elijah spent time with God – he obeyed and God blessed." What does this story say about Elijah's faith and the widow's faith and what can we learn from both people ?

3. Cathy talked about the Emperor Penguin and told how the Mother identifies her chick above all the noise. Read John 10:27. Cathy said "God desires intimacy with His children and this verse speaks to us all". So how do we hear God's voice above all the noise of this world.

4. Read 1 Kings 18; 18-21 discuss and contrast this with verses 38-39 ? Is there a parallel with the world today and are Christians also guilty of being "luke warm", if so what can we do to get the people to turn back to God?

5. 1 Kings 18; 40-45 Cathy said "Elijah knew his God and he believed absolutely the rain would come and it did". Contrast this with 1 Kings 19 ; 3-5 ? So what happened to Elijah and why did it happen? After a great victory what do we need to look out for ?