



**Advanced Training at Zarephath:
The Faith of a Desperate Single Mom
1 Kings 17:7-16 | February 12, 2012**

1. Take a few minutes to remind yourselves of the lessons that we learned last week at Brook Kerith (1 Kings 17:1-7). What has God been doing in your heart since then?
2. Notice God's command to Elijah in v. 8-9. In what ways are his instructions humbling for the prophet? Can you think of any specific experiences in your own life where God wanted to humble you? What happened?
3. Look up the following passages that speak to the issue of pride and humility: Proverbs 16:5, 18-19; Isaiah 66:2; Daniel 4:37; Matthew 23:12; 1 Peter 5:5-6. How would you summarize the main points found in these texts? Is there a particular principle that stands out to you?
4. The widow at Zarephath didn't know anything at all about Elijah. Why do you suppose that she did what he said in spite of the seeming irrationality of the request (v. 10-15a)? How do you make sense of this?
5. "You can't encourage someone else to believe the impossible if you haven't believed the impossible yourself." What is your reaction to this statement? How have you seen God come through in an "impossible" situation in your life? What "impossibility" are you believing God for now? Who do you know that needs encouragement in the face of "impossible" circumstances?
6. God was incredibly faithful in providing for Elijah, the widow, and her son—just as he had promised (v. 15b-16). They may not have had all they wanted, but they had all they needed. How has God proven himself faithful in your life? Have each of your LifeGroup members share one example, and give God all glory.