



# Daily Reflections

**June 6, 2016**

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## Scripture

### **I Kings 17:1-6**

Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab:

“As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve,  
during these years there shall be no dew or rain except at my word.”

The LORD then said to Elijah:

“Leave here, go east  
and hide in the Wadi Cherith, east of the Jordan.  
You shall drink of the stream,  
and I have commanded ravens to feed you there.”

So he left and did as the LORD had commanded.

He went and remained by the Wadi Cherith, east of the Jordan.

Ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning,  
and bread and meat in the evening,  
and he drank from the stream.

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

One of the perennial themes running through the Bible is the question of prophetic legitimacy. How do a prophet's contemporaries recognize that the prophet legitimately speaks for God and isn't a charlatan (or "false prophet" in biblical parlance)? That theme underlies today's reading from 1 Kings 17. God cares for Elijah in the most amazing of ways and smack dab in the middle of Gentile territory! God, who can do all things, will certainly care for those who love and serve Him.

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## **Food for your Journey**

The next time you feel bad or useless and are too far from God to do any good, just remember ...

Noah was a drunk, Abraham was too old, Isaac was a daydreamer, Jacob was a liar, Leah was ugly, Joseph was abused, Moses had a stuttering problem, Gideon was afraid, Sampson had long hair and was a womanizer, Rahab was a prostitute, Jeremiah and Timothy were too young, David had an affair and was a murderer, Elijah was suicidal, Isaiah preached naked, Jonah ran from God, Naomi was a widow, Job went bankrupt, John the Baptist ate bugs, Peter denied Christ, the disciples fell asleep while praying, Martha worried about everything, the Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once, Zaccheus was too small, Paul was too religious, Timothy had an ulcer ... AND Lazarus was dead!

No more excuses now. God can use you to your full potential.

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## **Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, You have blessed me abundantly with the gift of talent even though I may not always think so. Please use the gifts You have given me to draw people to You. Amen.