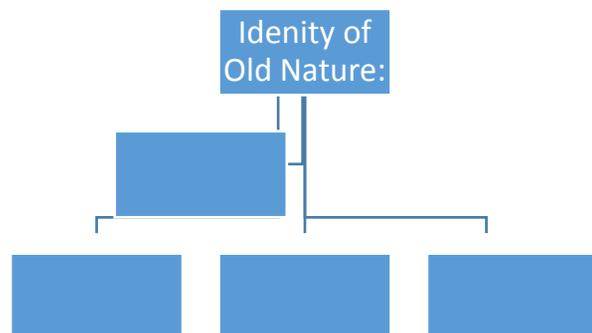


Is God trying to get your attention? Three Keys to Victory

1 Kings 18:20-39

Point one: God's first attention getter – Faith in God, not man.

Verses 17-19

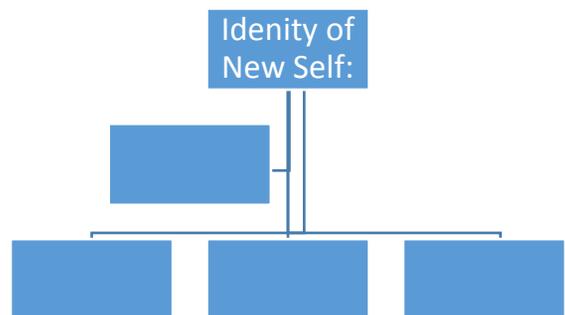


Why not just choose what they're all doing? There are always some people who make their decisions based on which way the wind is blowing. If it's popular to be something, they'll be that. If it changes, they'll change too. If you can't beat 'em, join 'em. Of course. Go with the flow. Do what's popular. That'll work, won't it?

Elijah's first key to success: FAITH.

- Elijah truly believed and trusted in God
- Faith will grow as you begin to get confident in his Word.

Point two: God's second attention grabber – Obedience to God, not man-made idols. Verses 25-38



We get stuck in pointless routines, in little idolatries, that make no sense. But we are afraid to let go of them because it's all we know to do. The past is comfortable, and it's time to get uncomfortable and seek God, continuously.

Elijah's second key to success: OBEDIENCE TO GOD. Verses 30-35.

- When we walk in obedience, that's when the blessings begin to flow.
- God doesn't want carefulness, he wants obedience.

Point three: God's third attention getter – Draw closer to God no matter what chaos is around you. Verses 36-38.

Elijah's third key to success: GETTING CLOSE TO GOD.

But when the lightning did strike, what did the people see? When God sent His attention-getter, what did the people feel? They felt the energy, the power, the love that is His presence. "When all the people saw the fire consuming the offering they fell on their faces and said, 'The Lord indeed is God; the Lord indeed is God.'" Vs. 39

Closing thoughts:

What about You? When do you draw closer? When you can't control things anymore or do you draw closer daily?

Come closer. Stand closer to the lightning strike. God is getting your attention. Why will you go limping with two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him. The Lord, He is God. The Lord, He is God indeed.

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