

# SERMON NOTES

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## GREATER IS HE WHO LIVES IN ME

James 15:17

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### **BACKGROUND**

Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months.

### **James 5:17 (New International Version)**

Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.

### **I John 4:4 (New International Version)**

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

### **I John 4:4 (Amplified Bible, Classic Edition)**

Little children, you are of God [you belong to Him] and have [already] defeated and overcome them [the agents of the antichrist], because He Who lives in you is greater (mightier) than he who is in the world.

·He actually lives in us and is with us all the time.

·Christ lives in His believers

### **LET'S GO TO A GREAT HUMAN INTEREST STORY**

### **Now remember James 5:17**

Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months.

### **I Kings 17:1 (New International Version)**

Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."

### **I Kings 18:1 (New International Version)**

After a long time, in the third year, the word of the LORD came to Elijah: "Go and present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the land."

### **.....AND AFTER A COURSE OF SEVERAL EVENTS**

### **I Kings 18:45 (New International Version)**

Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain started falling and Ahab rode off to Jezreel.



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#### Revelation 3:20 (New American Standard Bible)

Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

#### Ephesians 3:14-20 (New International Version)

##### *A Prayer for the Ephesians*

14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom every family[a] in heaven and on earth derives its name. 16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. 20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Jesus Christ is living in our spirit. He also wants to spread into the rest of our inward being, that is, into our heart, our mind, emotion, will, and conscience. The Lord doesn't want to just visit our heart, like a guest visits a hotel. He wants our heart to be His home, where He has the freedom to live and move.

#### 2 Corinthians 4:6-7 (New King James Version)

6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.  
(Example – Flash Lights)

#### Psalms 119:105

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

#### Galatians 1:15-16 (New International Version)

"But when it pleased God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called by His grace, to reveal His Son in me."

We might think this verse should read, "It pleased God...to reveal His Son to me." But in Greek, the original language of the New Testament, the preposition is unmistakably in, so the verse reads "to reveal His Son in me." God's plan is to reveal His Son in us, from within, rather than to us, from without. From within us, God is pleased to reveal more of the wonderful Person of Christ.

#### Galatians 2:20 (New International Version)

"I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself up for me."

Because He lives in us, the Christian life is not a matter of trying to behave like Christ, but of allowing Him to live in and through us.

#### Colossians 1:27

To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."