Following is the outline from a message by Pastor Dave Tietjen at Evangel Baptist Church, Wheaton IL www.evbapt.org,, continuing his series on Elijah.
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Message Notes
"The First Resurrection"
1 Kings 17:17-24
October 2, 2016

We Find a Moment Given

Now it happened after these things *that* the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him.
(1 Kings 17:17 NKJV)

- **Having a Serious Obstacle: A Child's Fatality**
- **Holding a Significant Opportunity: A Man's Formation**
  - **A Faithful Past**
  - **A Future Prize**

We Face a Mother Grieved

So she said to Elijah, "What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?" **(1 Kings 17:18 NKJV)**

- **Her Anguish Answered**
  In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **(1 Peter 1:6-7 NKJV)**
- **Her Anxiety Anticipated**
  - **By Fear**
  - **By Guilt**

We See a Miracle Granted

- **Elijah Pondered**
  And he said to her, "Give me your son." So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed. Then he cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?" **(1 Kings 17:19-20 NKJV)**

  "While the Bible gives many possible reasons for suffering, the Christian must not become so obsessed with the Why that he neglects the Who. Sometimes God delays while we ask Why in order that we might get to know Who it is that orders our ways." **(William Petersen)**
- **Elijah Prayed**
  And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him."
  (1 Kings 17:21 NKJV)

- **Profoundly**
- **Perceptively**

"We always have great difficulty here. We constantly think that if the Lord has promised something, we need not worry about praying for it, but just the opposite is true. If the Lord has promised something, we have every reason to pray for it, because we know it will be given. . . . Prayer is the means by which God's promises are activated and His purposes achieved." (Robert Ellsworth)

- **Practically**

Then the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived. And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives!" (1 Kings 17:22-23 NKJV)

We Have a Message Gleaned

Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you *are* a man of God, *and* that the word of the LORD in your mouth *is* the truth." (1 Kings 17:24 NKJV)

- **A Message of Truth**
- **A Message of Trust**
  - **A Sufferer Sustained**
  - **A Saint Strengthened**

"Our God carries us in our pain and conquers through us to complete His purposes."

(Pastor Dave)