Which God Do You Serve?
Message Series: Elijah, Part 2
Text: 1 Kings 18:16-39
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Message Notes

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Even though Christians believe in one true God many of us live polytheistic lives.

The false gods today that people worship and serve are much more socially acceptable.

When you elevate anything into the rightful place of the one true God and put anything on the throne of your life besides God, that is idolatry.

What are the false gods that you serve? Too often we are theoretical monotheists in our beliefs, but practical polytheists in our actions.

Elijah steps into this polytheistic culture and he makes a very prophetic and very strong statement: “It’s time to quit wavering. Quit wavering between the gods.” (Read vss. 19-21).

The prophet demands action consistent with belief. Belief must produce action—a committed, consistent life.

False gods promise what only the true God provides. See Deuteronomy 32:36-39.

Notice the first thing Elijah did: he repaired or restored a previous altar to God which had been torn down.

Why did Elijah want God to answer him? So these people will know that God is the One True God and that He is turning their hearts back again.

Which god (God) do you serve? (See Joshua 24:15)
1. Read 1 Kings 18:17-18. False gods promise what only the one true God can provide. What false gods do you see being worshipped in the culture around you?

2. Christians believe there is one true God (monotheism), but sometimes we unintentionally serve many false gods (polytheism). What are one or two false gods that continue to resurface in your life?

3. What do these false gods promise you that only God can provide?

4. Read 1 Kings 18:19-21. Why do believers waver between “false gods” and the One True God? What might that look like?

5. What might help a person quit wavering between false gods and the one True God?

6. Read 1 Kings 18:24-26. Describe a time when you depended on one of the false gods you mentioned earlier instead of depending on God. What comfort did you think you’d find in that god? Did you find it? (Read Deuteronomy 32:36-39).

7. Read 1 Kings 18:36-39. Why did Elijah ask God to answer his prayer?

8. God answered Elijah’s prayer and revealed Himself to Elijah and the people of Israel. How has God revealed Himself to you in the past? In what way is God currently revealing Himself in your life that may be new and different?