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During the dry spells
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1 Kings 17:1-9

1) Prov. 25:28, 3:5, 14:13

Feelings are not reliable

If you only do what you feel then you're headed for trouble

Don't always believe your feelings

Don't project your feelings on everyone else

2) Ecc. 3:1-6

Life is a serious of opposite actions

We love to plant but don't like to uproot

Like to build but don't like to tear down

You have to melt down a ice sculpture to change it

3) Heb 3:8

Time to Build Character

Like people of Israel in the desert

4) Colossians 22:22-24 and 4:1 (for masters) (MSG)

Remember Who you are serving

Why are doing it will lead it how you do it

Your persistence will be determined by your perspective

Accomplish the impossible by seeing the invisible

Not about slaves (although used to justify slavery)

5) 2Corinthians 4:15-18

Remember the eternal difference you're making

The kingdom of heaven is within you

6) **Focus on your future with Christ**

For today you will be with me in paradise

Ministry is a marathon...it's not who starts off great...it's

who finishes great.

Listen, God's brooks always dry up. He doesn't want us to stay in the same place all the time. That is our great problem. We get by our comfortable brook, surrounded by peaceful plenty, and want to rest there the remainder of our days. Then when God allows the brook to dry up, we often weep and blame God for afflicting us.

Let me ask you, was Elijah backsliding when the brook dried up on him? No, he was growing spiritually. Zarephath was many times more wonderful than Cherith. But please take note that God closed up Cherith before He revealed Zarephath. Faith had to be tested. There is always the time when everything looks absolutely hopeless. It happened with Elijah and it will happen to us.