



**Finish: Elijah Was a Man Just Like Us!**

**Date:** July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Text:** 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

**Passage Summary:** As we seek to fulfill the Great Commission in the view of the coming return of Christ, one thing is certain; there is no \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_!

**180 Degree Truth #1:** See that at the heart of the disciple making process is a desperate \_\_\_\_\_ upon \_\_\_\_\_! (3:1-5)

**Application:** Recognize that when it comes to a desperate dependence upon prayer, it involves prayer for...

- \_\_\_\_\_! (v.1)

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

**Acts 1:8**

*“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”*

**Matthew 24:14**

**Remember:** When it comes to prayer for propagation, there will come a day when the last \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ with the gospel, opening the door for the return of Christ and the consummation of God’s eternal plan of salvation!

- \_\_\_\_\_! (v.2-3)

*“But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost, because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me.”*

**1 Corinthians 16:9**

**See that in praying for protection it is essential to know...**

Who the real \_\_\_\_\_ is! (Ephesians 6:10-12)

Why you are still \_\_\_\_\_ on this earth! (John 17:15)

*“My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.”*

**John 17:15**

The nature of God’s \_\_\_\_\_! (2 Thessalonians 3:3)

**Remember:** When it comes to prayer for protection, it does not mean that we will not experience some persecution, pain and suffering along the way, but it does mean that whatever God allows, He will be us every \_\_\_\_\_ of the way, and at His appointed time, bring us safely \_\_\_\_\_ to heaven!

- \_\_\_\_\_! (v.4-5)

*“Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.”*

**Hebrews 7:25**

**Remember:** When it comes to prayer for perseverance, make Paul’s prayer for the Thessalonians your own; “God, please \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ into your love and Christ’s perseverance!” (cf 2 Thessalonians 3:5)

**Core Conviction to Live By:** Resolutely determine that \_\_\_\_\_ truly was a \_\_\_\_\_ like us, and because he was, we too can have the kind of mountain moving prayer life that he had; So what are you waiting for, for as it has been said, “A believer who knows how to kneel in prayer has no problem standing in the strength of the Lord.” (Warren Wiersbe)

*“Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.”*

**James 5:17-18**