

Message Notes

UNDERCURRENT

Part 1: Tishba – Where It Begins

1 Kings 16 & 17

October 21/22, 2017

Pastor Daniel Hahn

Elijah the Tishbite—

Ahab the King—

Jezebel the Queen—

1. Engaging the culture is an important part of being salt and light.

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and ... He went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with Him.

– Acts 10:38 (NIV)

“May we be the kind of good faith Christians who shape the future by asking the right questions and then confronting what is wrong, clarifying what is confused, celebrating what is good, and creating what the world is missing.” — David Kinnaman, Good Faith: Being a Christian When Society Thinks You're Irrelevant and Extreme

2. Evil isn't anything new—don't get fixated on it.

let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. – Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

“Being salt and light demands two things: we practice purity in the midst of a fallen world and yet we live in proximity to this fallen world. If you don't hold both truths in tension, you invariably become useless and separated from the world God loves.”

— David Kinnaman, unChristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks about Christianity... and Why It Matters

3. Elijah wasn't anything great—don't let your smallness fool you into apathy.

“The greatest of a man's power is the measure of his surrender. It is not a question of who you are or of what you are, but whether God controls you.” — Henrietta Mears

4. Ego isn't anything like actual greatness—don't be wowed by positions of power.

5. Each one of us is already standing before God—don't stand for the wrong thing.

“You never can measure what God will do through you if you are rightly related to Jesus Christ. Keep your relationship right with Him, then whatever circumstances you are in, and whoever you meet day by day, He is pouring rivers of living water through you, and it is of His mercy that He does not let you know it...it is the work that God does through us that counts, not what we do for him.” — Oswald Chambers, My Utmost for His Highest

Discussion Questions

UNDERCURRENT

Part 1: Tishba – Where It Begins

1 Kings 16 & 17

October 21/22, 2017

Pastor Daniel Hahn

1. What from the weekend sermon felt significant to you?
2. How would you describe the culture of Elijah's time and place? How would you describe our culture here today?
3. In what ways was God acting as an undercurrent in Elijah's life, and in what ways was Elijah like an undercurrent in the political and more climate of the day?
4. Ahab married Jezebel to form a political and economic alliance. In what ways do you see people in our own culture compromising what's right for the sake of comfort, economic advantage or some other perk they view as a benefit?
5. In what ways do you think political leaders influence the morality/spirituality of a society?
6. Why do you think God often seems to use very insignificant (humanly speaking) people to do extraordinary things?
7. God used Elijah to be a voice of Truth and to speak into 9th century Israelite culture. What methods do you think God uses today to "speak" into our culture?
8. What comes to mind when you hear someone say, "Things are so much worse than they used to be."
9. God sent a drought which created a massive famine in the land. Can you think of some natural consequences we may be experiencing in our own culture that stem from ethical/moral choices that have been made?
10. What difference can Christ followers make in a culture?
11. How do you think God might use you to be an influence in our culture? Do you see any "platforms" He's given you, any talents or resources that could be used?