

WHEN TRUSTING GOD IS HARD 1 Kings 17:8-24 7-3-16

At times it feels like violence & death keep a strangle-hold on our world.

What happens to God's people? Can God be trusted to bring change?

Decline & death loom over our story of kings.

1. LIFE GOES FROM BAD TO WORSE

*** Leaders Trivialize God's Word**

~ Ahab disobeys God more **16:33**

~ Reflect: How do I treat God's Word: Trivialize? Transform me?

*** People Cheat On God**

~ "God's" we trust as helpful:

~ Hard to Trust God when many believe differently!

~ Could it get any worse? What's the intended message?

Will we survive? **Ps.74:9-11** When life seems to get worse, God still works!

2. GOD PROVIDES WORDS OF LIFE

*** Goodness of Grub**

~ Bubbling desert brook & raven food by God's Word!

~ Elijah invites a widow to join him & trust our life-giving God!

*** Grace of Life**

~ Must feel like God saves from starving to die from sickness! Sin?

~ But God can & this time does bring back life! Resurrection points

*** Miracle of Faith**

~ Can we trust God to ultimately use his power on the side of life?

~ In violent & deadly world, we declare God brings life in Jesus!