



Elijah lived during one of the most difficult times in Israel's history. The majority of the people in Israel had abandoned worship of the Lord their God and chose to worship idols. This idol worship was spurred by the idolatrous reign of Ahab. In 2 Kings 1, we see that Ahab has passed away, and leadership has transitioned to his son, Ahaziah. Ahaziah had the opportunity to change the spiritual temperature in Israel, but the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. Ahaziah gets hurt, and instead of seeking God for help, he follows the pattern of his parents in idol worship. Study these questions to see if you fully place your trust in God in all situations in your life.

1. We live in a world that can easily make anything into an idol. Share a story about how you've grown in trusting the Lord over the last year. What spurred this growth, and in what areas of life do you find it hardest to fully trust God?
2. Read 2 Kings 1:1-2. While we may not worship physical idols like the one Ahaziah sought in 2 Kings 1, what are some modern "false gods" or things people often put their hope in instead of trusting God for all things?
3. Read 2 Kings 1:3-8. The Angel of the Lord brings a message to Elijah. Read Genesis 16:7-10, Exodus 3:2, and Judges 6:11-12. What do these passages teach us about the Angel of the Lord and His comfort in times of need?
4. Ahaziah wanted to change the outcome of his illness without changing himself. He tried to intimidate Elijah instead of seeking the Lord (read 2 Kings 1:9-16). What do you want to change in your life to fully seek the Lord?
5. The third captain came to Elijah with a completely different posture than the first two. The Bible teaches us about living a humble life (read Matthew 23:12, Philippians 2:3-4, and James 4:10). What makes humility so difficult to live out?
6. Read 2 Kings 1:15-17. Elijah was bold in speaking the truth of the Lord to the wayward king. Compare the Elijah we saw in 1 Kings 19, who ran from Jezebel, to this Elijah. What changed in his life?
7. As we reflect on trusting God in every area of our life, is there a specific area where you sense God inviting you to rely more on Him? What practical steps can you take this week to strengthen that trust? (See Proverbs 3:5-6.)
8. Close your time in prayer. Pray for strength to invite a friend to meet Jesus.