The Story: Chapter Fifteen

God’s Messengers

*And he said,*“Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown.**25**But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land,**26**and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.**27**And there were many lepers[[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=luke+4&version=ESV#fen-ESV-25082a)] in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”***28****When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath.****29****And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff.****30****But passing through their midst, he went away.* Luke 4:24-30

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.* Hebrews 11:1 & 6

**Lower Story: Elijah**

1. Drought and Famine:
2. A Widow:
3. Religious Conflict:
4. Struggles and Suffering:

**Upper Story: Elijah**

1. God’s Supremacy
2. God’s Authority

**Lower Story: Elisha**

1. Childless parents:
2. Death of a child:
3. An Irregular Battle:
4. A Leper:

**Upper Story: Elisha**

1. God’s Promises
2. God’s Faithfulness

**Lower Story: Hosea**

1. Unlikely Marriage:
2. Adultery:

**Upper Story: Hosea**

1. God’s Steadfast Love
2. God’s Forgiveness

**Conclusion:**

1. Scripture alone
2. Grace alone
3. Faith alone