

Two Altars

Scripture: 1 Kings 18:16-46

Altar #1: The altar of self-reliance - vv. 16-29

1. Self-reliance exposes the heart – vv. 16-25
2. Self-reliance is exhaustive – vv. 26-28
3. Self-reliance is empty – v. 29

Altar #2: The altar of God-reliance – vv. 30-46

1. God restores what is broken – v. 30-35
2. God notices our dependance – vv. 36-38
3. God transforms hearts – vv. 39-46

ONE THING

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Life Group Guide

For the week of June 28, 2026

God is always teaching us through his Word, the Bible. As we read through the Old Testament in 2026, we invite you to read along in the YouVersion app through The Bible Recap reading plan. Our sermons will follow along with the readings. May God bless us as we read his Word together as a church family!

1. In what ways does our culture today challenge the belief that the Lord is the true God, as God was challenged in 1 Kings 18?
2. Are you sitting on the fence regarding the Lord (see verse 21), deciding whether to follow God or idols?
3. Elijah's biggest concern was that God get the credit and the glory in this situation. He wanted God to show that he is the greatest. How did God do that?
4. For what are you asking God to do to show that he is the greatest? How do these events encourage and challenge you in this regard?

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