



# Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Blast

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“Folk Tale: A Way to Live a Good Life”

## The King Who Searched for the Way to Live a Good Life

Eliyahu Freedman, an Iraqi-Israeli scholar and historian, recalls a story he found in a book of Yiddish short stories published in 1903 which claimed there are three important questions that one needs to find happiness in life.

As the story goes, there was once a King who desperately sought to live a good life and discovered that he only needed to answer three questions in order to do so: when is the most important time; who is the most important person; and what is the most important thing to do?

After searching far and wide, the King found Elijah the Prophet, dressed as a beggar, living underneath a bridge. When the King asked Elijah the three questions, the King heard answers that settled his heart.

## How Would You Answer Those Questions?

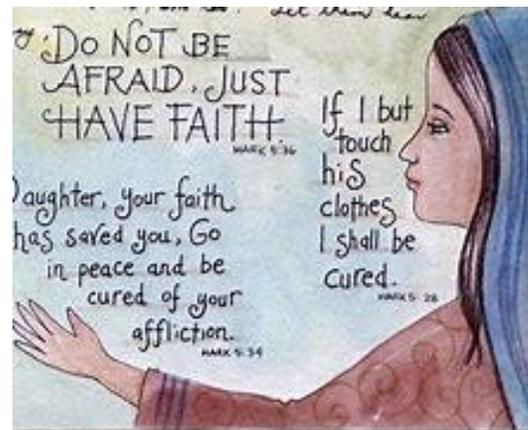
Before we learn how Elijah answered the questions, ask yourself how you would answer:

- when is the most important time?
- who is the most important person?
- what is the most important thing to do?

## Who Do YOU Trust to Ask?

For the important questions of life and our spirit, who we trust is most important. Jesus reassures us that when we go to God when we struggle, we should trust we have done the right thing and trust how God cares for and responds to us:

“Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for bread, would give a stone? Or if the child asked for a fish, would give a snake? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!” [Matthew 7:7-11, NRSV]



In the next three Sunday Blasts we will look at each question in the story and explore the answers that Elijah provided to the King. During the upcoming week, reflect and pray on the first question, “When is the most important time?” In next Sunday’s Blast we will explore Elijah’s answer to the King!

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***Dear Lord, I pray over my circumstances right now. I pray you will give me peace about what I can't change and the wisdom to change the things I can. I'm asking you to reach into my life and do your will. Guide me and give me the gift of hearing your voice. Help me to overcome these adversities and have victory in you on the other side. I thank you for the plans you have for me and give you the praise and glory, even in this current storm. In your name, I pray. Amen.***