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# thoughts & prayers

## PRAYER IS NOT A LAST RESORT OR A STAND-ALONE RESPONSE.

**1 KINGS 18:1-2, 41-46** Later on, in the third year of the drought, the Lord said to Elijah, "Go and present yourself to King Ahab. Tell him that I will soon send rain!" <sup>2</sup>So Elijah went to appear before Ahab.

<sup>41</sup>Then Elijah said to Ahab, "Go get something to eat and drink, for I hear a mighty rainstorm coming!" <sup>42</sup>So Ahab went to eat and drink. But Elijah climbed to the top of Mount Carmel and bowed low to the ground and prayed with his face between his knees. <sup>43</sup>Then he said to his servant, "Go and look out toward the sea." The servant went and looked, then returned to Elijah and said, "I didn't see anything. "Seven times Elijah told him to go and look. <sup>44</sup> Finally the seventh time, his servant told him, "I saw a little cloud about the size of a man's hand rising from the sea." Then Elijah shouted, "Hurry to Ahab and tell him, 'Climb into your chariot and go back home. If you don't hurry, the rain will stop you!'" <sup>45</sup>And soon the sky was black with clouds. A heavy wind brought a terrific rainstorm, and Ahab left quickly for Jezreel. <sup>46</sup>Then the Lord gave special strength to Elijah. He tucked his cloak into his belt and ran ahead of Ahab's chariot all the way to the entrance of Jezreel.

PRAYER MOVES [ ] AND REVEALS HOW HE WANTS TO [ ] .

### PRAYER MOVES US TOWARDS:

- [ ] 2 Peter 1:3-4
  - [ ] Matthew 6:5-6; Jeremiah 29:11-13
  - [ ] Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
  - [ ] James 5:16-18
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### MEMORY VERSE

The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. James 5:16b

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