

St Peter's Barge

London's Floating Church

Sunday 14th June 2020

Welcome!

Marcus Nodder is leading and preaching

SONG: How firm a foundation

Most merciful Father, our Creator and Judge,
we acknowledge and confess
that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart;
and we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We earnestly repent,
and are truly sorry for all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us,
and strengthen us to serve and obey you
in lives wholly renewed by your Spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG: In Christ alone

READING: Matthew 6:5-15

INTERVIEW: Prayer in everyday life

SONG: He will hold me fast

READING: 1 Kings 18:41-46

TALK

PRAYER

SONG: A Christian's daily prayer

Q&A (on Zoom) 836 5729 9959

1 Kings 18:41-46

⁴¹ And Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink, for there is a sound of the rushing of rain." ⁴² So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Mount Carmel. And he bowed himself down on the earth and put his face between his knees. ⁴³ And he said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." And he went up and looked and said, "There is nothing." And he said, "Go again," seven times. ⁴⁴ And at the seventh time he said, "Behold, a little cloud like a man's hand is rising from the sea." And he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, 'Prepare your chariot and go down, lest the rain stop you.'" ⁴⁵ And in a little while the heavens grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode and went to Jezreel. ⁴⁶ And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah, and he gathered up his garment and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

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NEXT SUNDAY

Date: June 21st 11.00am
Series: True Discipleship
Title: In the wilderness
Passage: 1 Kings 19:1-8
Speaker: Marcus Nodder

1 Kings 18:41-46

Devoted to prayer

- 'Do you pray?' ¹

The power of prayer

- results for Elijah
 - o rain (v45)
 - o fire (v38)
 - o life ²
- encouragement for us ³

The posture of prayer

- body
 - o bowing (v42)
 - o lying ⁴
 - o kneeling ⁵
 - o standing
- voice
 - o outer voice (v36)
 - o inner voice (v42) ⁶
- hands ⁷
- eyes ⁸

The subjects of prayer

- spiritual (v37) ⁹

- physical (v45)

The answers to prayer

- yes (v37-38)
- not yet (v42-43)

- no ¹⁰

The necessity of prayer

- God's purposes ¹¹
- God's promises (v41,44)
- ➔ if you pray lots...
- ➔ if you pray little...
- ➔ if you don't pray...

¹ J.C.Ryle, *A Call to Prayer*

² 1 Kings 17:22

³ James 5:16-18

⁴ Matthew 26:39

⁵ Ephesians 3:14; Acts 20:36; 21:5

⁶ Nehemiah 1:4

⁷ Ezra 9:5; 1 Timothy 2:8

⁸ John 11:41; Matthew 15:8

⁹ Romans 10:1; Don Carson: *A Call to Spiritual Reformation*

¹⁰ 1 Kings 19:4; 2 Corinthians 12:8-9; Matthew 26:39

¹¹ 1 Kings 18:1