



Honouring God In Godless Places | 1 Kings 18:1-15

1. What has been the most Godless situation you have ever found yourself in? Describe your feelings and emotions as you recall them. Did God have a purpose for you being there or was the situation of your own making? Share as vulnerably as you feel able.
2. Think about your past or present work situation (or similar equivalent). How God-honouring is/was the culture of your workplace and/or employer? Have/did the culture or ethics of your past or present workplace ever cause to you pursue/question finding a different job? Were there any practices which felt like too much of a compromise for a Christ-follower...? Share as openly as you feel able.
3. Discuss Obadiah. What do we learn about him from 1 Kings 18? Identify how he is incredibly courageous and yet also full of fear. Would it be fair to suggest there is something of a disconnect between his faith in the workplace verses his faith beyond it? Why? Why not?
4. How does Obadiah enable the ministry of Elijah and vice versa? Discuss their different callings and explore the different challenges they each face. Put yourself in their shoes...who would you rather have been? Why?
5. Can you think of an occasion when you've *'lived for the love of God'* in a Godless place? How did you express your love of God in the particular situation and what was the response of others around you? Your story does not need to be especially dramatic...God often uses the smallest of actions/words in season to make the greatest of impacts.
6. During times of difficulty, fear is a natural response. What do you make of Obadiah's response to Elijah's request? How does Elijah encourage Obadiah? If you were Elijah, which Scriptures, promises of God or practical actions might you offer Obadiah in this moment? Have there been any occasions in your life when the company of another has given you the confidence to confront your fears?
7. Can you think of Christians (well-known or otherwise) who are living (faithfully) in surprising places? Share. How, do you think, do they maintain integrity and avoid compromise?
8. Given our Bible story today, how would you respond to the Christian teacher questioning, *"How can I work with this godless curriculum?"* or a Christian pharmacist asking, *"How can I serve these pills over the counter?"* or a Christian lawyer debating, *"How can I defend this client?"* or a Christian politician asking, *"How can I support this compromise?"*. What's the question you might have in your past or present work place or social space?