



**BE DIFFERENT**

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...”

Romans 12:2 (NKJV)



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Last Week:

TO BE DIFFERENT...I must take a stand even if that means standing alone

TO BE DIFFERENT...I cannot allow the fear of people to deter me from my life's purpose.

TO BE DIFFERENT...it is essential that I know and am confident in who I am.



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A large crowd of grey, stylized human figures is shown from a high angle. In the lower center of the crowd, a single figure is colored red, standing out from the rest. The figures are arranged in a dense, somewhat circular pattern.

# THE BATTLE FOR THE MIND

A solid red silhouette of a person standing, facing forward, positioned to the left of the text.

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“So Ahab summoned all the people of Israel and the prophets to Mount Carmel. Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, ‘How much longer will you waver, hobbling between two opinions? **If** the LORD is God, **follow Him!** But if Baal is God, then follow him!’ But the people were **completely silent.** Then Elijah said to them, ‘I am the only prophet of the LORD who is left, but Baal has 450 prophets.’

1 Kings 18:20-22 (NLT)



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Now bring two bulls. The prophets of Baal may choose whichever one they wish and cut it into pieces and lay it on the wood of their altar, but without setting fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood on the altar, but not set fire to it. Then call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers by setting fire to the wood is **the true God!** And all the people agreed.

1 Kings 18:23-24 (NLT)



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## THE CONFLICT

There is a conflict between two opposing kingdoms, the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness.

“For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, against evil spirits in the heavenly places.”

Ephesians 6:12 (NLT)



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The battle is for the hearts and minds of the crowd. Ultimately the real battle is for your heart and for your mind.



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## The Enemy's Goal:

- 1) To blind the eyes (2 Cor. 4:3-4)
- 2) To cause apathy & disobedience (Eph. 2:2)
- 3) To create footholds & strongholds (Eph. 4:27)
- 4) To produce hopelessness & despair (John 10:10)



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Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, 'You go first, for there are many of you. Choose one of the bulls, and prepare it and call on the name of your god. But do not set fire to the wood.' So they prepared one of the bulls and placed it on the altar. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning until noontime, shouting, 'O Baal, answer us!' But there was no reply of any kind. Then they danced, hobbling around the altar they had made.

1 Kings 18:25-26 (NLT)



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About noontime Elijah began mocking them. 'You'll have to shout louder,' he scoffed, 'for surely he is a god! Perhaps he is daydreaming, or is relieving himself. Or maybe he is away on a trip, or is asleep and needs to be awakened!' So they shouted louder, and following their normal custom, they cut themselves with knives and swords until the blood gushed out. They raved all afternoon until the time of the evening sacrifice, but still there was no sound, no reply, no response.

1 Kings 18:27-29 (NLT)



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Then Elijah called to the people, 'Come over here!' They all crowded around him as he repaired the altar of the LORD that had been torn down. He took twelve stones, one to represent each of the tribes of Israel, and he used the stones to rebuild the altar in the name of the LORD. Then he dug a trench around the altar large enough to hold about three gallons. He piled wood on the altar, cut the bull into pieces, and laid the pieces on the wood.

1 Kings 18:30-33 (NLT)



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Then he said, 'Fill four large jars with water, and pour the water over the offering and the wood.' After they had done this, he said, 'Do the same thing again!' And when they were finished, he said, 'Now do it a third time!' So they did as he said, and the water ran around the altar and even filled the trench. At the usual time for offering the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet walked up to the altar and prayed,

1 Kings 18:33-36 (NLT)



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'O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, prove today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant. Prove that I have done all this at your command. O LORD, answer me! Answer me so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God and that you have brought them back to yourself.'

Immediately the fire of the LORD flashed down from heaven and burned up the young bull, the wood, the stones, and the dust. It even licked up all the water in the trench!

1 Kings 18:36-38 (NLT)



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And when all the people saw it, they fell face down on the ground and cried out, 'The LORD—He is God! Yes, the LORD is God!' Then Elijah commanded, 'Seize all the prophets of Baal. Don't let a single one escape!' So the people seized them all, and Elijah took them down to the Kishon Valley and killed them there."

1 Kings 18:38-40 (NLT)



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# THE TRUE POWER

The power of God was unleashed through trust and for your prayer.

“For He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of His dear Son.”

Colossians 1:13 (NLT)

“And I will rescue you...to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God.”

Acts 26:17-18 (NLT)



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