

*“Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.”*  
*James 5:17-18 KJV*



The apostle Paul was a tent-maker by trade. *“After these things Paul...found...Aquila...with his wife Priscilla, because he was of the same craft...for by their occupation they were tentmakers.”* Peter, James, and John were fishermen. *“Jesus, walking by the sea...saw...Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net...for they were fishers. Going on...he saw other two brethren, James...and John his brother, in a ship...mending their nets.”* Matthew was a tax collector. *“Jesus...saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom.”* Luke was a physician. Paul wrote, *“Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you.”* Ezekiel was told to do weird things. *“Take thee...a barber's razor, and cause it to pass upon thine head and...beard...divide the hair...burn with fire a third part in the midst of the city.”* John the Baptist *“had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.”* Moses spoke poorly. *“Moses said, ‘O my Lord, I am not eloquent...but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.’”* Samson was a trouble-maker. *“Samson...caught three hundred foxes...took firebrands...put a firebrand...between two tails...set the brands on fire...let them go into the standing corn of the Philistines.”* Amos was a shepherd. *“Then answered Amos, ‘I was no prophet, but I was an herdman.’”* Obadiah was servant to a wicked king. *“Ahab called Obadiah, which was the governor of his house.”* These were ordinary men with ordinary jobs who did extra-ordinary things for God, because they simply obeyed His commands. People said about Paul, *“For his letters are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.”* His letters were dictated to others, because of poor eyesight. Elijah killed 400 prophets of Baal one day and ran in fear from one woman the next. Just like us, they all had their ups and downs of doubt and faith. They were common men with an uncommon God! Don't base faith in your own abilities; base it in God's abilities! The God who enabled common men of yesteryear still sits on eternity's sovereign Throne! He has done and will do all He has said He will do! *“My Word...that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”* I dare you to try to stop a tornado, an earthquake, or a volcano!

I may not be a mighty man,  
I may not have a better plan,  
But if I do what God commands,  
When others fail, I'll firmly stand! ~CGP

God never changes! *“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and forever.”* None will withstand Him nor thwart His plan! It will be what He says, when He says! Does the sun sill rise EVERY morning? Do the stars still bejewel the night sky? You are either with Him or against Him. There is NO alternative!

*“He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.”* Matthew 12:30 KJV