

How to Raise Up a Change Agent

(1 Kings 17:17-24)

**Catalyst: Becoming a Change Agent
in a “Couldn’t Care Less” Culture, No. 3**

1 Kings 17:17-18 (NIV)

Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill.

He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing.

¹⁸ She said to Elijah,

“What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?”

1 Kings 17:19

**“Give me your son,” Elijah replied.
He took him from her arms,
carried him to the upper room
where he was staying,
and laid him on his bed.**

1 Kings 17:20-21

Then he cried out to the LORD,
“O LORD my God, have you brought tragedy
also upon this widow I am staying with,
by causing her son to die?”

²¹ Then he stretched himself out on the boy
three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD
my God, let this boy’s life return to him!”

1 Kings 17:22-23

**The LORD heard Elijah's cry,
and the boy's life returned to him,
and he lived.**

**²³ Elijah picked up the child and carried him
down from the room into the house.
He gave him to his mother and said,
“Look, your son is alive!”**

1 Kings 17:24

**Then the woman said to Elijah,
“Now I know that you are a man of God
and that the word of the LORD
from your mouth is the truth.”**

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Hebrews 11:35a (NIV)

**Women received back their dead,
raised to life again.**

Luke 4:25-26 (NIV)

**I assure you that there were many widows
in Israel in Elijah's time,
when the sky was shut
for three and a half years
and there was a severe famine
throughout the land.**

**²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them,
but to a widow in Zarephath
in the region of Sidon.**

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