

Everyday Faith

★ BOOK OF JAMES ★

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✓ God delights in a **GROWING FAITH**.

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¹ Now Elijah, who was from Tishbe in Gilead, told King Ahab, "As surely as the LORD, the God of Israel, lives—the God I serve—there will be no dew or rain during the next few years **until I give the word!**"

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2. Faith **REFUSES TO GIVE UP**.

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3. Faith rises from small **BEGINNINGS** to **GRAND FINALES**.

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