

Choose the One, True God

Christians often find themselves in the position of defining and explaining God. Consequently, we're also challenged to consider whether the various beliefs in other religions can coexist with our Christian beliefs or whether they are inherently at odds with our beliefs. In an effort to get along peacefully and show tolerance, we're often tempted to compromise. In some cases, this is commendable. But by studying a grand display of power from Elijah's ministry, we learn that when it comes to who or what holds the position as God of our lives and receives our worship, there is no compromise; we need to make a choice.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- Has anyone ever challenged you about God's existence or confronted you about your Christian beliefs? What was the experience like for you? How did it make you feel?
- What do you think "syncretism" means as it relates to faith and religion?



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READ [1 Kings 18](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- What other gods can you identify in culture today—religious or simply things that demand our attention and resources, taking them away from God? Can you "laugh" at them to reduce their power? For example, how does laughing at consumerism reduce its hold on you? Why?
- Reflect on host Dave Bast's statement at the end of segment 2: "*It is not how hard you pray that makes the difference, it is to whom you pray; and if you pray with all your might to a god who isn't real and who has no power, it is not going to help you.*" Think about or discuss with another person how this perspective impacts your prayer life.
- Hosts Dave Bast and Scott Hoezee describe God's act of sending fire on a soaking wet altar as clear, dramatic, and definitive. What's the most dramatic and definitive way you've seen God act in your life or in the life of someone close to you? What did it affirm for you about who God is and how he acts?
- Are there areas of your faith in which you're wishy-washy or have a hard time relinquishing control and trusting God? Do you need to make up your mind? What's holding you back? What do you need to hear from God?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Deuteronomy 30:11-20](#), [Jeremiah 10:1-16](#), [Matthew 6:24](#), [Revelation 3:14-22](#)

CONCLUSION

Read and reflect on [Jeremiah 10:1-16](#). How might you rewrite it for your current cultural context? Conclude this exercise by praying over what you wrote and asking God to strengthen you and make you steadfast in your faith so that you might choose him no matter what challenges or pressures you face along your faith journey.

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