



We can have Confidence

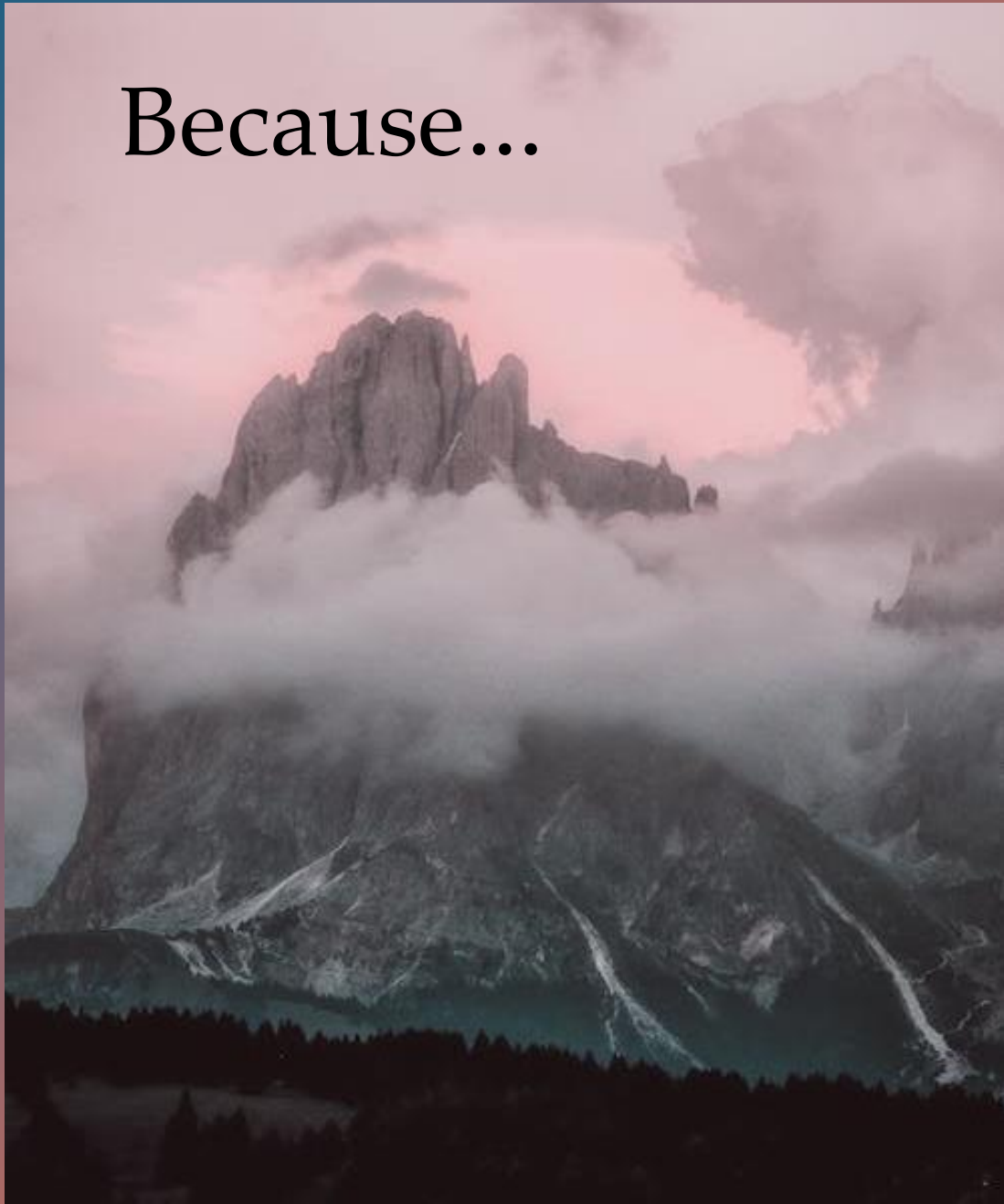
1 Kings 18





Why can we have confidence?

Because...



**1. God reveals
himself to everyone**





“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!’” 1 Kings 17:1





“Later on, in the third year of the drought, the Lord said to Elijah, ‘Go and present yourself to King Ahab. Tell him that I will **soon send rain!**’” 1 Kings 18:1





“His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and **find him**—though he is **not far from any one of us.**” Acts 17:27





“For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, **they can clearly see his invisible qualities**—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have **no excuse** for not knowing God.” Romans 1:20





2. To experience God, I must be honest about myself





“When Ahab saw him, he exclaimed, ‘So, is it really you, you troublemaker of Israel?’”





“I have made no trouble for Israel,” Elijah replied. “You and your family are the troublemakers, for you have **refused to obey** the commands of the Lord and have **worshiped the images** of Baal instead.” 1 Kings 18:18





“But Ahab son of Omri did what **was evil** in the Lord’s sight, even more than any of the kings before him.”
1 Kings 16:30





“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. ²⁴ Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight.” Romans 3:23-24





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.”** 1 Kings 18:21



Because...



**3. When I am with God,
I'm in the majority**





Then Elijah said to them,
“I am the **only** prophet of
the Lord who is left, but
Baal has 450 prophets.”
1 Kings 18:22





“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. ³⁷ **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.” 1 Kings 18:36-



Because...



4. God gives me special strength to do his will





“Then the Lord gave **special strength** to Elijah. He tucked his cloak into his belt and ran ahead of Ahab’s chariot all the way to the entrance of Jezreel.”
1 Kings 18:46





“For I can do everything
through Christ, who
gives me strength.”
Philippians 4:13



This is our God

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