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## Kerith and Carmel

*Consider how these contrasting experiences worked together in Elijah's journey of faith.*

### Kerith

(1 Kings 17:3-7)

Here I am

At Kerith -

Just me

The stream

And these ravens;

Dirty birds they are -

Feeding on carrion.

No wonder they're called

Unclean.

Kerith:

It's hot here.

But for this tree

I'd be sunburnt.

OK, the grass is green,

But only here.

Just 30 yards over there

It's desert.

Kerith:-

It's boring!

I need action!

Being in front of a crowd,

Centre of attention.

This loneliness is oppressive.

Kerith -

God!

Why did you send me here!

OK,

I know

I can't

Go home.

After all I've said

They'd kill me.

So, not there,

But why here?

I need people!

### Carmel

(1 Kings 18:18-39)

MONTHS LATER:

I'm home!

Everything's changed!

I've changed.

I couldn't have stood

What I saw this morning

If I hadn't changed.

Carmel -

I watched those Baal priests

Prancing around

Playing for time

Hoping the audience would look away

So they could pull a trick

And cheat.

But I didn't blow my top.

I waited,

And then

It was my turn,

And God answered

By fire.

Carmel -

What a day!

What a thrill!

What a change!

But it couldn't have happened

Without Kerith.