

# ***RUNNING ON EMPTY***

the life and ministry of Elijah



## ***THE GOD WHO ANSWERS***

***1 KINGS 18: 17-45***

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Yahweh defeats death,  
the powerful force that has defeated Ba'al again and again.

*THE REASON*  
***IT'S TIME TO CHOOSE***

“Elijah came near to all the people and said,  
‘How long will you hesitate between two opinions?  
If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.’”





*THE PROMISE OF IDOLS IS THAT:  
THEY WILL MEET YOUR NEEDS  
THEY WILL SATISFY YOUR DESIRES  
THEY WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU*



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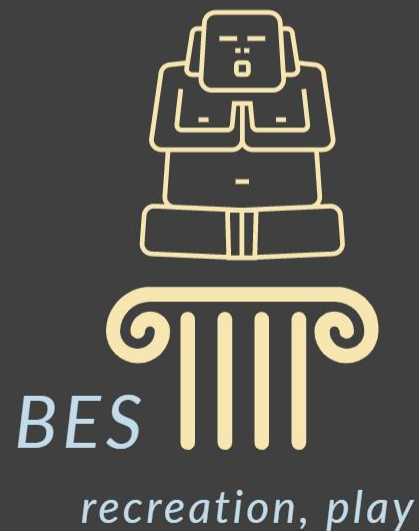
## *WHAT ARE OUR IDOLS TODAY?*

*ANYTHING WE LOOK TO AND RELY ON TO FULFILL OUR NEEDS AND PROVIDE FULFILLMENT OR SECURITY.*

*ANYTHING WE LOVE AND PURSUE IN PLACE OF GOD.*

*“WHATEVER YOUR HEART CLINGS TO AND RELIES UPON, THAT IS YOUR GOD;” WHATEVER YOU LOVE, TRUST, AND SERVE ABOVE ALL ELSE.*

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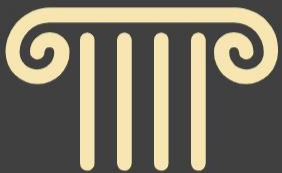


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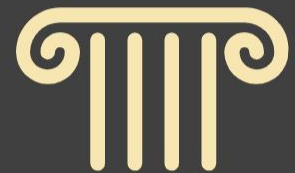


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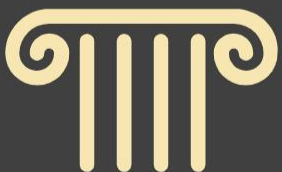
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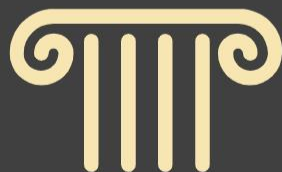
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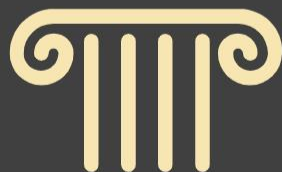
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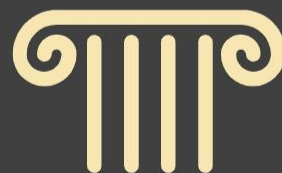
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