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THE BOW & ARROW

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



2 Kings 13:14-20 NIV - [14] Now Elisha had been suffering from the illness from which he died. Jehoash king of Israel went down to see him and wept over him. "My father! My father!" he cried. "The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" [15] Elisha said, "Get a bow and some arrows," and he did so. [16] "Take the bow in your hands," he said to the king of Israel. When he had taken it, Elisha put his hands on the king's hands. [17] "Open the east window," he said, and he opened it. "Shoot!" Elisha said, and he shot. "The Lord's arrow of victory, the arrow of victory over Aram!" Elisha declared. "You will completely destroy the Arameans at Aphek." [18] Then he said, "Take the arrows," and the king took them. Elisha told him, "Strike the ground." He struck it three times and stopped. [19] The man of God was angry with him and said, "You should have struck the ground five or six times; then you would have defeated Aram and completely destroyed it. But now you will defeat it only three times." [20] Elisha died and was buried. Now Moabite raiders used to enter the country every spring.

- You need to know your enemy will not win
- Release your praise and watch God work
- What has been coming after you will be completely destroyed
- You can't quit too soon, you must give it everything you got
- This is a once in a lifetime opportunity

This message is an affirmation for those of us who have decided to abandon mediocrity. You have more in you and God has given you something supernatural for your life. Week one from Moses, we learned you already have what you need to get you out of the jam. In week two from Peter, we see in our obedience to do it again, we will get a supernatural harvest. Today we deal with an unrighteous king who has a righteous connection.

2 Kings 13:11 NIV - "He did evil in the eyes of the Lord "

- You have to understand your position
- Know who you need to run for instruction
- You don't have to know everything, but if you know the right person God will let you go further faster
- What you really need is a teacher, because you know how to follow instructions

2 Kings 13:14a NIV - Now Elisha had been suffering from the illness from which he died

- You still have the opportunity to decide what your future is going to be
- God will use you and get the glory out of your life until your life is done
- If you aren't dead you aren't done, there is more in you

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Ephesians 3:20 NIV -Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

- God is giving you revelation of what has never been done before.
- When God tells you what to do in your spirit, don't reason with your mind because your mind is always trying to talk you out of what God said.
- Your mind doesn't know what's possible until you train your brain to listen to your spirit

Who do you seek godly counsel from? Why did you select them as your teacher?

WHAT HE HAS

THE CONNECTION - ELISHA

2 Kings 13:14b - <u>Jehoash king of Israel went down to see him</u> and wept over him. "My father! My father!" he cried. "The chariots and horsemen of Israel!"

- You are going to have to leave where you are to get what you need
- You are a situation you don't know how to get out of, by God does
- In spite of what the future holds I know God is going to do something supernatural
- The connection of my life matters for future
- I have to be connected to someone that is connect to God
- You need to check your connection

EXAMPLES OF CONNECTIONS

Rahab was connected to the spies

Ruth was connected to Naomi

Elisha was connected to Elijah

Peter was connected to Jesus when he got in his boat

- Show me your connection and I will show you your futures
- Eagles don't hang out with chickens
- You're in the right place at the right time

Who or what are you connected to?

IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD, YOUR CONNECTIONS GIVE YOU INFORMATION AND INTEL YOU DON'T HAVE. WHAT YOU DO NOW WILL DETERMINE YOUR NEXT!!



THE TOOLS – THE BOW & ARROW

2 Kings 13:15 - Elisha said, "Get a bow and some arrows," and he did so.

- Be careful of connections that are intimidated by what you have
- If they don't like your tools they don't like you
- Your connections put demands on you
- You can't ask for a connection and not do what they instruct you to do
- God is about to secure your future with what you already have

EXAMPLES OF TOOLS

Moses had the staff to raise the water to remove the blockage

David had a sling and 5 stones to slay a giant

Solomon had wisdom to rule

Noah had a skill to build

Peter had a net or a big catch

- Whenever the opportunity comes, use your tools
- Quit trying to explain to people what has never been done before
- People don't carry your bow the way that you do
- Everyone has an anointing, grace, and purpose
- Learn to respect the unique anointing on others lives

What are you doing with the tools you have been given?

THE DESIRE/DRIVE/ENERGY

SHOOT TO WIN

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- God is giving you strategy on how to use what you possess
- Learn to obey crazy instructions
- Until someone puts a demand you won't use what you have
- When God touches what is in your hand the oil is transferred
- Quit trying to explain to people what has never been done before
- When you use what God gave you, you will win
- It's time to shoot outside the house, the window is open
- The arrow announces that this is your territory



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What strategy has the Lord given you for the tools/gifts you already have? How can you shoot your shot?

STRIKE TO DESTROY

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- Your strikes will get you through a lifetime
- The longer you strike the more you prepare yourself
- Don't worry about what people think because you changed your strike
- You may not have the experience but you have the arrow of the Lord
- God is giving you a generational victory
- You can put a seed in the ground that blesses your future generations
- One of the hardest things to discern is when to stop and when to keep going

How do you know if you should continue to strike? What caused you to stop the last time? What will you do the next time you get the opportunity to strike?

Luke 12:48b MSG - Great gifts mean great responsibilities; greater gifts, greater responsibilities!

- Stop doing the bare minimum
- You are not the same as everyone else, more is required of you
- You can't go by other peoples standard, more is required of you

How can you ensure you are doing what is required of you and not comparing yourself to others?

EXAMPLE:

WATER TURNED TO WINE

John 2:7 NIV - [7] Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

- They are not taking advantage of you they are putting a demand on you
- Just doing enough is not enough
- You cannot live a minimal life
- You are not normal, you are special to God



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What more can you be doing?

Matthew 5:41 NIV -If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.

QUESTION

How can you continue to give God all you have?

DECLARATION

I will keep going until I have total victory.

PRAYER

Father God, thank You for giving me the tools, ability and skill to fulfill my purpose. You have graced me with confidence and courage to complete the assignments that are set before me. You have given me the power to overthrow the enemy. I will not dishonor the connections nor the instructions that You have given me. I will walk in victory because You are my guide and my strength. My faith will not waiver because You are victorious in all things. Get the glory out of every victory God in Jesus' name, Amen!