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DIGGING DITCHES

ELIJAH & ELISHA SERIES: EPISODE 6 OF 8

2 Kings 3:9-21

MAIN IDEA: YOUR GREATEST NEED BECOMES A BLESSING WHEN IT DRIVES YOU TO DEPEND ON GOD.

So the king of Israel set out with the king of Judah and the king of Edom. After a roundabout march of seven days, the army had no more water for themselves or for the animals with them. What! exclaimed the king of Israel. Has the LORD called us three kings together only to deliver us into the hands of Moab? 2 Kings 3:9-10

HAVE YOU BROUGHT ME HERE TO FAIL?

But Jehoshaphat asked, Is there no prophet of the LORD here, through whom we may inquire of the LORD? An officer of the king of Israel answered, Elisha is here. He used to pour water on the hands of Elijah. Jehoshaphat said, The word of the LORD is with him. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him. 2 Kings 3:11-12

Elisha said to the king of Israel, Why do you want to involve me? Go to the prophets of your father and the prophets of your mother. No, the king of Israel answered, because it was the LORD who called us three kings together to deliver us into the hands of Moab. Elisha said, As surely as the LORD Almighty lives, whom I serve, if I did not have respect for the presence of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, I would not pay any attention to you. 2 Kings 3:13-14

But now bring me a harpist. 2 Kings 3:15

Then it happened, when the musician played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him. And he said, Thus says the Lord: 'Make this valley full of ditches.' 2 Kings 3:15-16

For this is what the LORD says: You will see neither wind nor rain, yet this valley will be filled with water, and you, your cattle and your other animals will drink. This is an easy thing in the eyes of the LORD; he will also deliver Moab into your hands. 2 Kings 3:17-18

FAITH THAT WORKS

INSIGHT #1: ONLY GOD CAN SEND THE WATER, BUT SOMETIMES HE WANTS YOU TO DIG A DITCH.

Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works. James 2:26 NLT

YOU SHOW ME YOUR FAITH; I WILL SHOW YOU MY FAITHFULNESS

INSIGHT #2: REAL FAITH BELIEVES BIG BUT IS WILLING TO START SMALL

Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin... Zech. 4:10 NLT

The next morning, about the time for offering the sacrifice, there it was—water flowing from the direction of Edom! And the land was filled with water. 2 Kings 3:20

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YOU MAY NEED TO DIG THE DITCH, BUT GOD WILL SEND THE WATER.

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