

PROPHETS

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ELISHA - DIGGING DITCHES
2 KINGS 3:9-20

Your _____ becomes a _____ when it causes
you to _____.

“ The king of Edom and his troops joined them, and all three armies traveled along a roundabout route through the wilderness for seven days. But there was no water for the men or their animals.
'What should we do?' the king of Israel cried out. 'The Lord has brought the three of us here to let the king of Moab defeat us.'
But King Jehoshaphat of Judah asked, 'Is there no prophet of the Lord with us? If there is, we can ask the Lord what to do through him.'
One of King Joram's officers replied, 'Elisha son of Shaphat is here. He used to be Elijah's personal assistant'
Jehoshaphat said, 'Yes, the Lord speaks through him.' So the kings of Israel, Judah, and Edom went to consult with Elisha.”

2 KINGS 3:9-12 (NLT)

“ 'Why are you coming to me?' Elisha asked the king of Israel. 'Go to the pagan prophets of your father and mother!'
But King Joram of Israel said, 'No! For it was the Lord who called us three kings here - only to be defeated by the king of Moab!'
Elisha replied, 'As surely as the Lord Almighty lives, whom I serve, I wouldn't even bother with you except for my respect for King Jehoshaphat of Judah.'”

2 KINGS 3:13-14 (NLT)

“ Now bring me someone who can play the harp.”

2 KINGS 3:15a (NLT)

“ 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 3:15b-16 (NKJV)

The _____ may not come _____.

“ You will see neither wind nor rain, says the Lord, but this valley will be filled with water. You will have plenty for yourselves and your cattle and other animals. But this is only a simple thing for the Lord, for he will make you victorious over the army of Moab! You will conquer the best of their towns, even the fortified ones. You will cut down all their good trees, stop up all their springs, and ruin all their good land with stones.”

2 KINGS 3:17-19 (NLT)

FAITH THAT WORKS:

Only God can send _____, but sometimes he wants you to _____.

“ Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.”

JAMES 2:26 (NLT)

Faith _____, but is willing to _____.

“ Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.”

EPHESIANS 3:20 (NLT)

“ Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin...”

ZECHARIAH 4:10a (NLT)

SOWHAT?

“ The next day at about the time when the morning sacrifice was offered, water suddenly appeared! It was flowing from the direction of Edom, and soon there was water everywhere.”

2 KINGS 3:20 (NLT)

Show me your _____, and I will show you my _____.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1 - What is the hardest physical work you ever had to do? What motivated you to do it?

Would you do it again?

2 - What's one big dream for your life that you need God's help to accomplish?

3 - Describe a time when a great need in your life drove you to depend on God?

What was the result?

4 - Read James 2:14-26. What is the relationship between faith and works? What questions are brought up in your mind?

How do your current actions in life show your faith?

5 - What are some of the things you do regularly to strengthen your faith in God?

6 - What ditch might God want you to start digging today to turn your dream into a reality?

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