

message summary

In today's passage, we encounter three Kings who unite in an alliance to protect themselves against a common enemy. Their initial expectation of an easy victory takes a drastic turn, becoming a life-threatening situation. In their desperation, they turn to God, a response familiar to many of us during challenging times. However, instead of an instant solution, God provides them with specific instructions. Their success hinges on their obedience, prompting questions about their faith and God's process. Why doesn't God simply grant their desires? Why subject them to a process to attain His promise? The text highlights a common human inclination: So many of us want God promises, but don't want to go through the process to receive it. We don't like to wait, and we certainly don't want to work for it. We enjoy our comforts and convenience. We live in a society that desires to make things easier. Yet, it's amid life's difficulties that God shapes and refines our character. Through the lens of **2 Kings 3:1-27**, we explore how God encourages us to metaphorically pick up a shovel and dig deep, embracing the transformative process He has in store for us.

observation

- What surprise do the three kings face and why do they begin to Panic? Why is this significant in the passage?

- How do the kings react to the water crisis, and what does it reveal about their characters?

- What role does Elisha play in this narrative and what solution does he give?

interpretation

- In what area of your life is God calling you to start digging? What might be some ditches you are digging that don't line up with God's plan?

- Pastor Chris mentioned that we often want the promise without the process. What does this mean? Why is the process so important?

- What are some great needs you are facing right now? How are you depending on God to meet your needs?

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application

- What's your first step to digging the ditch that will allow God to turn your dream into a reality?

- What are some of things you do regularly that help you strengthen your faith in God?

- How can we apply the lesson of seeking God's guidance before making important decisions in our lives?

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