## Elisha—2 Digging Ditches

Your greatest need becomes a gift 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. <sup>10</sup> "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 NIV

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 son of Shaphat is here. He used to pour water on the hands of Elijah." <sup>12</sup>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 [Elisha]. 2 Kings 3:11-12 NIV

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. <sup>15</sup>But now bring me a harpist." ... 2 Kings 3:14-15 NIV

- Worship changes our perspective.
- Worship invites God's power.
- Worship creates space to hear from God.

... Then it happened, when the musician played, that the hand of the LORD came upon [Elisha]. <sup>16</sup>And he said, "Thus says the LORD: 'Make this valley full of ditches.'" 2 Kings 3:15-16 NKJV

"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. <sup>18</sup>This is an easy thing in the eyes of the LORD; he will also deliver Moab into your hands."

2 Kings 3:17-18 NIV

Faith doesn't deny what you see; faith decides who you will believe.

Only God can send the water, but sometimes He asks you to dig a ditch.

## What ditch do you need to dig to prepare you for what God wants to do?

The next day at about the time when the morning sacrifice was offered, water <u>suddenly</u> appeared! It was flowing from the direction of Edom, and soon there was water everywhere. 2 Kings 3:20 NLT

## TALK IT OVER

Read **2 Kings 3:17-18**. Faith doesn't deny what you see; faith decides who you will believe. How often do you believe God is who He says He is? What makes it easy or challenging for you to believe?

Talk about a time when you partnered with God on a miracle. What faith did you need, and how did you see God's faithfulness?

Share openly about a current situation where you need a miracle. What step of faith is God calling you to take, and how will you take that step this week?