

Discover Church
March Madness: Rebound
Take the Shot!
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“When Elisha was in his last illness, King Jehoash of Israel visited him and wept over him. “My father! My father! I see the chariots and charioteers of Israel!” he cried. Elisha told him, “Get a bow and some arrows.” And the king did as he was told. Elisha told him, “Put your hand on the bow,” and Elisha laid his own hands on the king’s hands. Then he commanded, “Open that eastern window,” and he opened it. Then he said, “Shoot!” So he shot an arrow. Elisha proclaimed, “This is the Lord’s arrow, an arrow of victory over Aram, for you will completely conquer the Arameans at Aphek.” Then he said, “Now pick up the other arrows and strike them against the ground.” So the king picked them up and struck the ground three times. But the man of God was angry with him. “You should have struck the ground five or six times!” he exclaimed. “Then you would have beaten Aram until it was entirely destroyed. Now you will be victorious only three times.” Then Elisha died and was buried.” 2 Kings 13:14-20

Lessons on Shot Taking

1. Shot taking **increases** when you **view** the **victory**
2. **Focus** on the rim to take the shot

Action without aim leads to exhaustion

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” 2 Corinthians 5:17

3. **Victory** awaits those who are **shot takers**

You are not just blessed by the Word of God you hear, but by the Word of God you do!

4. Victory **arrives** when you don’t **stop short**

In life the pain of stopping short is far worse than the pain of falling short

How to Live in Victory

1. Look for the **basket**

“When I came to the city of Troas to preach the Good News of Christ, the Lord opened a door of opportunity for me.” 2 Corinthians 2:12

2. Make the most of **every shot**

“Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.” Ephesian 5:16

“Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity.” Colossians 4:5

3. Always **do good**

“Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.” Galatians 6:10

4. **Seize** Victory for your **life**

“If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.” Romans 10:9-10

“I once thought all these things were so very important, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I may have Christ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own goodness or my ability to obey God’s law, but I trust Christ to save me. For God’s way of making us right with himself depends on faith. As a result, I can really know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead.” Philippians 3:7-10

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Scripture: *2 Kings 13:14-20; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 2 Corinthians 2:12; Ephesian 5:16; Colossians 4:5; Galatians 6:10; Romans 10:9-10; Philippians 3:7-10*