

FOR OPENING SLIDES: combine all three passages, but denote a separation between them with the different chapters (2, 4 & 6)

I. Experiencing A Delivering Cleanse (2 Kings 2:19-22)

A. Looking beneath the surface (19) - “Now the men of the city said to Elisha, “Behold, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees, but the water is bad, and the land is unfruitful.””

B. Engaging in unspectacular actions (20-21a) - “He said, “Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it.” So they brought it to him. 21 Then he went to the spring of water and threw salt in it...”

C. Declaring a positive outcome (21b-22) - “...and said, “Thus says the Lord, I have healed this water; from now on neither death nor miscarriage shall come from it.” 22 So the water has been healed to this day, according to the word that Elisha spoke.”

Added ingredient: salt

Transformation: purifying of the spring of water

Result: Life

II. Power For Spiritual Nourishment (2 Kings 4:38-41)

A. Great faith (38) - “And Elisha came again to Gilgal when there was a famine in the land. And as the sons of the prophets were sitting before him, he said to his servant, “Set on the large pot, and boil stew for the sons of the prophets.” Elisha called for a large meal in the midst of a famine. He trusted God to bless the generosity and to supply what would be needed

B. Intense trouble (39) - “One of them went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine and gathered from it his lap full of wild gourds, and came and cut them up into the pot of stew, not knowing what they were. 40 And they poured out some for the men to eat. But while they were eating of the stew, they cried out, “O man of God, there is death in the pot!” And they could not eat it.”

C. Confident response (41) - “He said, “Then bring flour.” And he threw it into the pot and said, “Pour some out for the men, that they may eat.” And there was no harm in the pot.”

Elijah was confident, but so were the junior prophets. Who would have been the first to take the second bite?

Added ingredient: flour

Transformation: nullifying of poison in mushrooms

Result: Healing

III. Entrance Into The Next Chapter (2 Kings 6:1-7)

A. See the desire for increase (1-4) “Now the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, “See, the place where we dwell under your charge is too small for us. 2 Let us go to the Jordan and each of us get there a log, and let us make a place for us to dwell there.” And he answered, “Go.” 3 Then one of them said, “Be pleased to go with your servants.” And he answered, “I will go.” 4 So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees.”

B. Sense the discouraging breakdown (5-6a) - “But as one was felling a log, his axe head fell into the water, and he cried out, “Alas, my master! It was borrowed.” 6 Then the man of God said, “Where did it fall?”

C. Consider the miraculous remedy (6b-7) - “When he showed him the place, he cut off a stick and threw it in there and made the iron float.” And he said, “Take it up.” So he reached out his hand and took it.”

Added ingredient: wood

Transformation: power of natural order/laws of physics

Result: regaining of lost momentum