

I. Weak In Body, Strong In Spirit (14-17)

A. Elisha continued to influence (14) - “Now when Elisha had fallen sick with the illness of which he was to die, Joash king of Israel went down to him and wept before him, crying, My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!”

B. Elisha continued to invest (15-16) - “And Elisha said to him, “Take a bow and arrows.” So he took a bow and arrows. 16 Then he said to the king of Israel, “Draw the bow,” and he drew it. And Elisha laid his hands on the king's hands.”

C. Elisha continued with vision (17) - “And he said, “Open the window eastward,” and he opened it. Then Elisha said, “Shoot,” and he shot. And he said, The Lord's arrow of victory, the arrow of victory over Syria! For you shall fight the Syrians in Aphek until you have made an end of them.”

II. Bold In Vision, Elevated In Expectation (18-19)

A. We see an opportunity (18) - And he said, “Take the arrows,” and he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, “Strike the ground with them.”

B. We see a hesitancy (18b) - “And he struck three times and stopped.”

C. We see a reality (19) - “Then the man of God was angry with him and said, “You should have struck five or six times; then you would have struck down Syria until you had made an end of it, but now you will strike down Syria only three times.”

Level of faith is often tied to results: Mt. 8:13, Mt. 9:22, Mt. 9:29, Mt. 15:28, Mark 10:52,

**If your leaders don't challenge you, it is because they don't believe in you.
Leaders should impart an expectation of excellence in those whom they influence.**

III. Positioned In Heaven, Still Imparting On Earth (20-21)

A. Our last day on earth finds us (20a) - “So Elisha died, and they buried him.”

B. Activity on earth continues without us (20b) - “Now bands of Moabites used to invade the land in the spring of the year. 21 And as a man was being buried, behold, a marauding band was seen and the man was thrown into the grave of Elisha...”

C. Our impact on earth can continue beyond us (21b) - “...and as soon as the man touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet.”