

I. When God Allows You To Max-Out (9-10)

A. They were proactive and unified (9a) - “So the king of Israel {**Jehoram**} went with the king of Judah {**Jehoshaphat**} and the king of Edom {**a ruler appointed by Jehoshaphat**}.”

B. They became weary and weathered (9b) - “And when they had made a circuitous march of seven days, there was no water for the army or for the animals that followed them.”

C. They became doubting and discouraged (10) - “Then the king of Israel said, Alas! The Lord has called these three kings to give them into the hand of Moab.”

II. When God Calls You To Step Up (11-14)

A. A question for every generation (11a) - “And Jehoshaphat said, “Is there no prophet of the Lord here, through whom we may inquire of the Lord?”

B. A possibility for every believer (11b-12) - “Then one of the king of Israel's servants answered, Elisha the son of Shaphat is here, who poured water on the hands of Elijah {known for dedication}. 12 And Jehoshaphat said, The word of the Lord is with him {known for his discernment}. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.”

C. A boldness for every prophet (13) - “And Elisha said to the king of Israel, “What have I to do with you? Go to the prophets of your father and to the prophets of your mother.” But the king of Israel said to him, “No; it is the Lord who has called these three kings to give them into the hand of Moab.” **Many people wait too long obsessing over clarity. God often withholds clarity in order to develop courage.**

D. A wisdom for every quandary (14) - “And Elisha said, As the Lord of hosts lives, before whom I stand, were it not that I have regard for Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, I would neither look at you nor see you.” **Elisha needed to know in the moment that the need to help Jehoshaphat and the southern tribes outweighed the concern he had for helping wicked Jehoram.**

III. When God Empowers You To Speak Out (15-19)

A. Elisha's need for a prepared heart (15) - “But now bring me a musician.” And when the musician played, the hand of the Lord came upon him.”

B. Elisha's knowledge of how God would meet the need (16-17) - “Thus says the Lord, ‘I will make this dry streambed full of pools.’ 17 For thus says the Lord, ‘You shall not see wind or rain, but that streambed shall be filled with water, so that you shall drink, you, your livestock, and your animals.’”

C. Elisha's word concerning the outcome of the battle (18-19) - “This is a light thing in the sight of the Lord. He will also give the Moabites into your hand, 19 and you shall attack every fortified city and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree and stop up all springs of water and ruin every good piece of land with stones.”

IV. When God Anoints You To Advance On (20-24)

A. The word of knowledge comes to pass (20) - “The next morning, about the time of offering the sacrifice, behold, water came from the direction of Edom, till the country was filled with water.”

B. The means of victory was unconventional (21-23) - “... 22 And when they rose early in the morning and the sun shone on the water, the Moabites saw the water opposite them as red as blood. 23 And they said, “This is blood; the kings have surely fought together and struck one another down. Now then, Moab, to the spoil!” **God confused and emboldened the enemy**

C. The fulfillment of the word required human cooperation (24) - “But when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose and struck the Moabites, till they fled before them. And they went forward, striking the Moabites as they went.”