

# Do It Again

## CENTRAL QUESTION:

*What will I do when God puts the arrows in my hands and lets me decide how serious I am about victory?*

## I. THE STORY BEHIND THE ARROWS (JOASH & ELISHA)

Key Scripture: 2 Kings 13:14-21

"Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face... And he said, Take bow and arrows... Open the window eastward... The arrow of the LORD's deliverance... Smite upon the ground..."

### A. Joash's Background

- Born into a royal bloodline in Judah
- His father killed in battle, his grandmother murders the heirs to secure the throne
- Joash is miraculously preserved as an infant and hidden in the house of God

### B. A King Raised in the Temple

- Joash grows up under the covering of Jehoiada the high priest
- Every decision is shaped and stewarded by spiritual authority
- Early life marked by the anointing of God, yet immaturity in how to walk it out

### C. A Confusing but Crucial Story

- The scene of Joash visiting a dying Elisha
- Bow, arrows, and an open window in a prophet's death room
- A strange command: "Smite the ground" — with no number given

## II. THE ORPHAN SPIRIT AND THE POWER OF COVERING

Key Scriptures: 2 Kings 11–12 (Joash's early reign), Psalm 37:23

### A. Joash's Orphaned Heart

- Father dead, grandmother murderous, family wiped out
- Saved and hidden, but still carrying questions: "Why wasn't I good enough? Why did this happen to me?"
- He has a kingdom at his disposal but a wound in his heart

### B. A Modern Orphan Spirit

- Social media, TikTok, Instagram: a world where nothing feels fully real

- Comparison and curated images create confusion and insecurity
- A generation that “has everything” but still feels alone and unseen

#### C. The Gift of Spiritual Covering

- Jehoiada as a picture of godly covering and mentorship
- Being raised in the house of God as protection and preparation
- The steps of a good man ordered by the Lord — learning to follow those steps by following faithful men and women

### III. ANOINTING BEFORE UNDERSTANDING (DAVID’S PARALLEL STORY)

Key Scriptures: 1 Samuel 16:1–13, 2 Samuel 23:2

#### A. David: Overlooked but Chosen

- Samuel visits Jesse’s house; David is not even invited inside
- All the brothers pass before Samuel, but the oil won’t flow
- God reminds Samuel: man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart

#### B. Anointed Yet Sent Back to the Field

- The horn of oil is poured on David — a kingly anointing on a shepherd boy
- David does not go straight to the throne; he goes back to the sheep
- Harp, sling, and staff in his hands while oil still drips from his head

#### C. Learning Faithfulness in Small Things

- Before God trusts you with a kingdom, He trains you with sheep
- The anointing brings weight, responsibility, and a new way of reading Scripture and seeking God
- Faithfulness in the unnoticed places prepares you for visible obedience later

### IV. DIRECTION, DEMONSTRATION, AND TRANSITION

Key Scripture: 2 Kings 13:15-19

#### A. Direction: The Window Eastward

- Elisha tells Joash, “Open the window eastward”
- God always ties deliverance to direction — a posture toward His will and His way
- The earlier we learn to “face east,” the sooner we walk in clarity and purpose

#### B. Demonstration: Hand Over Hand

- Joash takes the bow; Elisha lays his hands on the king’s hands

- A living picture of spiritual fathers and mothers guiding the next generation
- Prayer, fasting, preaching, and worship are first demonstrated before they're carried alone

#### C. Transition: When the Instructions Stop

- “Take the arrows... smite upon the ground” — no number, no details
- For the first time, the prophet does not tell him how many times
- Heaven hands the responsibility to Joash: how badly do you want victory?

## V. DO IT AGAIN: THE CALL TO PERSISTENT FAITH

Key Scriptures: Daniel 10:12–13 | 2 Kings 5:10–14 | Joshua 6:1–5

#### A. When Victory Is Tied to “How Many Times”

- Joash smites the ground three times and stops
- Elisha is angry: “You should have smitten five or six times...”
- The measure of victory is connected to the measure of persistence

#### B. Biblical Pictures of “Do It Again”

- Daniel: prays 21 days; the answer was sent on day one, delayed in the heavenlies
- Naaman: told to dip seven times in the Jordan; healing on the last, not the first
- Joshua at Jericho: march seven days, seven times on the last day; walls fall after full obedience

#### C. The Danger of Stopping Too Soon

- Quitting on the third lap, the third dip, or the third strike leaves promises unrealized
- Sometimes the difference between “almost” and breakthrough is simply “do it again”
- Faith that works keeps striking, keeps walking, keeps praying

## VI. GENERATIONAL MANTLES AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Key Scriptures: 2 Kings 2:9–14 | 2 Kings 13:20–21

#### A. From Elijah to Elisha

- Elijah’s mantle falls as he’s taken up in a chariot of fire
- Elisha picks it up, smites the waters, and cries, “Where is the LORD God of Elijah?”
- A model of how one generation’s faith becomes the next generation’s starting point

#### B. Mantles Lying All Around Us

- As spiritual fathers and mothers go home to be with the Lord, mantles fall
- There are assignments, callings, and anointings waiting to be picked up

- We can no longer rely solely on the prayers of others; we must learn to get ahold of God ourselves

### C. God Preserves His Word

- Even after Elisha dies, a dead man touches his bones and is revived
- God watches over His word to perform it — promises outlive people
- What God began in previous generations, He is faithful to continue in ours

## VII. LIVING THIS MESSAGE (PRACTICAL APPLICATION)

### Daily Posture:

“Lord, if You’ve put arrows in my hands, I will not stop at three. I will smite the ground again.”

1. Recognize Where You Are
  - Are you in hiding (like young Joash)?
  - In the field (like anointed-but-not-yet David)?
  - At the window with arrows in your hand (like Joash with Elisha)?
2. Stay Under Covering
  - Intentionally seek out godly leaders, pastors, and elders
  - Let them “put their hands over your hands” in prayer, fasting, and ministry
  - Learn from those who have already walked the road you’re just stepping onto
3. Practice “Do It Again” Faith
  - Pray again for that lost loved one
  - Worship again even when you don’t feel it
  - Obey again even when last time felt small or “unsuccessful”
4. Pass It On
  - Demonstrate prayer, repentance, worship, and Scripture to the next generation
  - Bring others with you to the altar, hospital rooms, and moments of faith
  - Be the Elisha who shows someone else how to grab the bow and draw it back

## KEY TAKEAWAY:

When God puts the arrows in your hands, your response matters:

- Don’t settle for three strikes when God is ready for five or six
- Don’t quit on the third lap when the walls fall on the seventh
- Don’t stop praying when the answer may already be on its way

Faith doesn't just ask once; it smites the ground again and again until every promise of God is fulfilled.

## FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

- Where in your life have you stopped “striking the ground” too soon?
- Who has been a spiritual covering or “hand over hand” example for you, and how can you honor and imitate their faith?
- What mantles (callings, responsibilities) might be lying at your feet that you've been hesitant to pick up?
- If you fully believed God is faithful to His word, what would you “do again” starting today?

Scripture References for Further Study:

2 Kings 11–13 | 2 Chronicles 22–24 | 1 Samuel 16:1–13 | 2 Kings 2:9–14 | 2 Kings 5:1–14 |  
Joshua 6:1–20 | Daniel 10:10–14 | Psalm 37:23