

- *The blacksmith with the tongs works one in the coals, Fashions it with hammers, And works it with the strength of his arms. Isaiah 44:12*
- *And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; Ephesians 6:17*
- Only Spiritual weapon that is offensive.
- *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12*
- God's Word has an edge. Jesus' return.
 - David & Goliath- You've been knocking some things down that you need to cut the head off of.
- *1 And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "See now, the place where we dwell with you is too small for us. 2 Please, let us go to the Jordan, and let every man take a beam from there, and let us make there a place where we may dwell." So he answered, "Go." 3 Then one said, "Please consent to go with your servants." And he answered, "I will go."*

☑ **The church was begging to build.**

- **We designed this church so that you will get what you want out of it.**
- They didn't come to Elisha saying you need to build something.
 - We're not a spoon feeding church. We're here to empower you to do the ministry.
- *4 So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees. 5 But as one was cutting down a tree, the iron ax head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, "Alas, master! For it was borrowed." Don't let it slip!*
- *Why couldn't he just get another axe? Home Depot was sold out!*
- It's not the cataclysmic events that cause us to lose our edge. It's the everyday grind.
- ☑ **Slipped and went down.**
 - Can't find anything this guy did wrong. he just let it slip.
 - **When did you lose your edge? Take a wrong turn?**

- It's not that you don't love your wife. Just not as much as you used to. abandoned kids... just not as much time... Church
- Joined in conversation. Lowered standards, negative talk
- Word slip. what's accidental quickly becomes acceptable
- **Tithing, If tithing starts slipping so will your blessing.**
- *How long did he swing?* Hope nobody notices.
- Swinging but nothing happening
- I don't want to be the church that looks good and doesn't do anything.

• **LET'S DEAL WITH THIS TODAY!!!**

☑ ***Where did it fall?***

• ***6 So the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And he showed him the place.***

- Phone Call. Where did I lose you?
- **Show me the place. Not because God doesn't know. He wants you to know.**

• **Revival starts with Revelation!**

- Lost your momentum when you entered into a bad relationship? Maybe it was when you decided not to forgive an offense? Maybe it was that you simply stopped spending regular time with God? rebelled against authority.
- Stay sharp. When your axe is dull it requires more energy and produces fewer results.

☑ **Prophet wanted to know where not how.**

• **Joshua and the Jordan**

- The Axe Head was lost where people had worshipped before!
 - 1 Generation built an altar where the next generation would fall.

• **The enemy let you slip in the wrong place!**

• **What you survive this season will restore someone in the next season.**

☑ **I'm getting it back!!!**

• ***So he cut off a stick, and threw it in there; and he made the iron float. 7 Therefore he said, "Pick it up for yourself." So he reached out his hand and took it. 2 Kings 6:1-7***

- You've got to throw something in if you want to get something out!
- **God- I don't need anything you've lost to bless you. The blessing isn't in what you've lost but what you've got left.**
- **The axe head defied laws to do what it did. There was no explanation. When God brings you back...**
- Iron ax heads don't float, and the only way to ever find out if the unimaginable could happen is too.
- **Ridiculous- The only ridiculous prayer is the one you never ask.**
- **When I get it back I'll have a grip that won't slip.**
- I don't want to be a church with no power. I want to keep our edge.
- **With God—It's not too late to be the person you could have been. Have what you could have had.**
- Haven't gone too far—done too much! Find didn't mean to lose!
- **Lift it out!** God will do his part—you do yours!
- You do what you can do—trust God to do what you cannot do.