

SERMON SERIES: 52
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Sermon Title:

“One Faith”

Introduction

This week in our For EveryONE campaign, we spend some time in the Old Testament, looking into the life of the Prophet Elisha. Elisha tells the kings of Israel, Judah, and Edom to act in faith, and that God would provide for them. We learn that demonstrating faith today will allow us to celebrate God’s blessings tomorrow.

- Share a personal experience where you faced a challenge or uncertainty, and your faith played a significant role in navigating through it. How did it impact your perspective on faith and action?

Seek the Word

- Read 2 Kings 3:1-10. The kings faced a crisis of no water in the midst of their journey. How did their initial reactions reflect common human responses to challenges? How do you typically respond when faced with unexpected difficulties?
- Read 2 Kings 3:11-20. Elisha instructed the kings to dig ditches in preparation for the rain that God promised. How does this concept of actively participating in God's plan resonate with your understanding of faith? What are the implications of "digging ditches" in our own lives today?

Go Deeper

Read Matthew 6:31-33. Jesus instructs us to "seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." How does this relate to the idea of "digging ditches" discussed in the sermon? How can we practically seek God's kingdom first in our daily lives?

Talk About It

- Consider an area in your life where you've been praying for God's intervention. How can you proactively "dig a ditch" in preparation for the blessings you are seeking?
- Share a personal commitment you feel prompted to make after hearing the sermon. How can your small group support and hold you accountable in this commitment?
- In the sermon, various scenarios were mentioned where digging ditches could be applied, such as in finances, relationships, and personal habits. Choose one area of your life where you want to start digging ditches. What practical steps can you take this week?

Wrap Up

Reminder: Real faith believes big but is willing to start small.

Challenge: This week look for a place to start small in your area of digging ditches. Take the next step of faith. Pray for God to show His blessings to you and for patience to wait on the Lord.