

More Than SAVED

A FIVE-WEEK SERIES



**BELIEVERS
ARE
SAVED...**

FROM **PERVASIVE** SIN
INTO A **PRESENT** KINGDOM
FOR A **PRESSING** MISSION
WITH A **PERSISTENT** LOVE



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JAPANESE SOLDIER FOUND
ON AN ISLAND IN THE
PHILIPPINES.

STARVING ON RICE, BUGS
AND WILD GAME AS HE
WAITED FOR ORDERS.



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**“IT MAY TAKE THREE
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YOU,”**

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Context for 2 Kings 7

- Israel under seige
- Famine in the land
- King of Israel wants Elisha dead



In the midst of His
people's chaos and
darkness...

The Lord Speaks.



2 Kings 7

1 But Elisha said, "Hear the word of the LORD: thus says the LORD, Tomorrow about this time a seah of fine flour shall be sold for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, at the gate of Samaria."



2 Kings 7

2 Then the captain on whose hand the king leaned said to the man of God, "If the LORD himself should make windows in heaven, could this thing be?" But he said, "You shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat of it."



The Lord is promising a
supernatural deliverance
from certain death.

The Question is:
How will it happen?



2 Kings 7

3 Now there were four men who were lepers at the entrance to the gate. And they said to one another, "Why are we sitting here until we die? 4 If we say, 'Let us enter the city,' the famine is in the city, and we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also. So now come, let us go over to the camp of the Syrians. If they spare our lives we shall live, and if they kill us we shall but die."



2 Kings 7

5 So they arose at twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians. But when they came to the edge of the camp of the Syrians, behold, there was no one there.



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8 And when these lepers came to the edge of the camp, they went into a tent and ate and drank, and they carried off silver and gold and clothing and went and hid them.



How does The Lord
deliver His people?



2 Kings 7

6 For the Lord had made the army of the Syrians hear the sound of chariots and of horses, the sound of a great army, so that they said to one another, "Behold, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Egypt to come against us." 7 So they fled away in the twilight and abandoned their tents, their horses, and their donkeys, leaving the camp as it was, and fled for their lives.



How does The Lord
deliver His people?

He makes noise.



The lepers did nothing
but recieved everything.



**The lepers become kings of a fully furnished,
but lonely kingdom.**

**8 THEN THEY CAME BACK AND ENTERED ANOTHER TENT
AND CARRIED OFF THINGS FROM IT AND WENT AND HID
THEM.**



2 Kings 7

9 Then they said to one another, "We are not doing right.
This day is a day of **good news**.



Joy unshared is
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4 And we are writing
these things so that
our joy may be
complete.

1 John 4

12 Though I have much to
write to you, I would rather
not use paper and ink.

Instead I hope to come to
you and talk face to face, so
that our joy may be
complete.

2 John 12



2 Kings 7

9 Then they said to one another, "We are not doing right.
This day is a day of **good news**.

This is a day of **Salvation!**

This is a day of **Victory!**

This is a day of **Gospel!**



These men share the good news
from a place of:
celebration
and
conviction.

(and this is ok!)



2 Kings 7

9 Then they said to one another, "We are not doing right.
This day is a day of **good news**.

If we are silent and wait until the morning light,
punishment will overtake us. Now therefore come; let us
go and tell the king's household."



**"Evangelism is just one beggar
telling another beggar where to
find bread."**



2 Kings 7

10 So they came and called to the gatekeepers of the city and told them, "We came to the camp of the Syrians, and behold, there was no one to be seen or heard there, nothing but the horses tied and the donkeys tied and the tents as they were." 11 Then the gatekeepers called out, and it was told within the king's household.



**7 How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good
news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”**

ISAIAH 52



What happens when
our good news is
met with skepticism?



2 Kings 7

12 And the king rose in the night and said to his servants,
“I will tell you what the Syrians have done to us. They
know that we are hungry. Therefore they have gone out of
the camp to hide themselves in the open country,
thinking, ‘When they come out of the city, we shall take
them alive and get into the city.’”



14 So they took two horsemen, and the king sent them after the army of the Syrians, saying, “Go and see.”

2 KINGS 7

28 So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, 29 “Come and see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?”

JOHN 4



15 So they went after them as far as the Jordan, and behold, all the way was littered with garments and equipment that the Syrians had thrown away in their haste. And the messengers returned and told the king.

2 KINGS 7

42 They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

JOHN 4



What happens when
our good news is
met with skepticism?

We let them see The
Lord for themselves.



What the lepers realized first, the king eventually accepts:

They didnt have to starve anymore!

The war is over!

The Lord defeated the enemy!



COMMANDS IN ROMANS 12

10 Love one another with brotherly affection.

13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

20 If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink;



16 Then the people went out and plundered the camp of the Syrians. So a seah of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD.

2 KINGS 7



2 Then the captain on whose hand the king leaned said to the man of God, "If the LORD himself should make windows in heaven, could this thing be?" But he said, "You shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat of it."

17 Now the king had appointed the captain on whose hand he leaned to have charge of the gate. And the people trampled him in the gate, so that he died, as the man of God had said.

2 KINGS 7



**The Kingdom of God is both here and on it's way.
You have seen it.**

**Will you participate and enjoy it?
Or will you miss out?**



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SPENT 29 YEARS
FIGHTING WW2 **AFTER** IT
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ISAIAH 40

**1 COMFORT, COMFORT MY
PEOPLE, SAYS YOUR GOD.**

**2 SPEAK TENDERLY TO
JERUSALEM,
AND CRY TO HER
THAT HER WARFARE IS
ENDED,
THAT HER INIQUITY IS
PARDONED.**



Let's Respond Together

Sing, Next Steps, Offering, Prayer on the Porch

Colossians 1

13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

