

A landscape photograph featuring a single, dark tree standing on a green, rolling hill. The sky is filled with large, dark, dramatic clouds, with some light breaking through on the left side. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

Facing Adversity

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JOHN 9:4 NKJV

⁴ I must work the works of Him
who sent Me while it
is day; the night is coming when no
one can work.

2 KINGS 7:1-16 NKJV

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 So an officer on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God and said, "Look, *if* the LORD would make windows in heaven, could this thing be?" And he said, "In fact, you shall see *it* with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it." The Syrians Flee³ Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said to one another, "Why are we sitting here until we die?"

2 KINGS 7:1-16

⁴ If we say, ‘We will enter the city,’ the famine *is* in the city, and we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also. Now therefore, come, let us surrender to the army of the Syrians.

If they keep us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall only die.” ⁵ And they rose at twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians; and when they had come to the outskirts of the Syrian camp, to their surprise no one *was* there. ⁶ For the Lord had caused the army of the Syrians to hear the noise of chariots and the noise of horses—the noise of a great army; so they said to one another, “Look, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians to attack us!”

2 KINGS 7:1-16

⁷ Therefore they arose and fled at twilight, and left the camp intact—their tents, their horses, and their donkeys—and they fled for their lives. ⁸ And when these lepers came to the outskirts of the camp, they went into one tent and ate and drank, and carried from it silver and gold and clothing, and went and hid *them*; then they came back and entered another tent, and carried *some* from there *also*, and went and hid *it*.⁹ Then they said to one another, “We are not doing right. This day *is* a day of good news, and we remain silent. If we wait until morning light, some punishment will come upon us. Now therefore, come, let us go and tell the king’s household.”

2 KINGS 7:1-16

¹⁰ So they went and called to the gatekeepers of the city, and told them, saying, “We went to the Syrian camp, and surprisingly no one was there, not a human sound—only horses and donkeys tied, and the tents intact.” ¹¹ And the gatekeepers called out, and they told *it* to the king’s household inside.¹² So the king arose in the night and said to his servants, “Let me now 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 field, saying, ‘When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city.’ ”

2 KINGS 7:1-16


¹³ And one of his servants answered and said, "Please, let several *men* take five of the remaining horses which are left in the city. Look, they *may either become* like all the multitude of Israel that are left in it; or indeed, *I say, they may become* like all the multitude of Israel left from those who are consumed; so let us send them and see." ¹⁴ Therefore they took two chariots with horses; and the king sent them in the direction of the Syrian army, saying, "Go and see." ¹⁵ And they went after them to the Jordan; and indeed all the road was full of garments and weapons which the Syrians had thrown away in their haste. So the messengers returned and told the king. ¹⁶ Then the people went out and plundered the tents 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.



Desperate times call for desperate
measures!

ISAIAH 55:8-9 NKJV

⁸ “For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways,” says the LORD.⁹ “For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.



Faith is not logical. But it is an illogical
either. Faith is theological. It does not
ignore reality; it just adds God into the
equation. -MB

HEBREWS 4:12 NKJV

12 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.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18 NKJV


¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.



When adversity strikes
sometimes we need to get
desperate! - PD

PHILIPPIANS 4:19 NKJV

19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.



Sometimes God fights for us in the
unseen realm, and we don't always
recognize it. -PD



When God blesses us we need to realize He is also wanted to help others through us. -PD

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4 NKJV

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

HEBREWS 10:23 NKJV

23 Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful.

HEBREWS 12:2 NKJV


² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

2 KINGS 7: 17-20 NKJV

¹⁷ Now the king had appointed the officer on whose hand he leaned to have charge of the gate. But the people trampled him in the gate, and he died, just as the man of God had said, who spoke when the king came down to him. ¹⁸ So it happened just as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, "Two seahs of barley for a shekel, and a seah of fine flour for a shekel, shall be *sold* tomorrow about this time in the gate of Samaria."

2 KINGS 7: 17-20 NKJV

¹⁹ Then that officer had answered the man of God, and said, "Now look, *if* the LORD would make windows in heaven, could such a thing be?" And he had said, "In fact, you shall see *it* with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it." ²⁰ And so it happened to him, for the people trampled him in the gate, and he died.



Go deep... God wants to do
incredible things in you and
through you for a lost and
dying world. -PD