

RECONNECTING WITH GOD

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THE MIRACLE OF THE FLOATING AX HEAD

The company of the prophets said to Elisha, "Look, the place where we meet with you is too small for us. Let us go to the Jordan, where each of us can get a pole; and let us build a place there for us to meet."

And he said, "Go."

Then one of them said, "Won't you please come with your servants?"

"I will," Elisha replied. And he went with them.

They went to the Jordan and began to cut down trees. As one of them was cutting down a tree, the iron axhead fell into the water. "Oh no, my lord!" he cried out. "It was borrowed!"

The man of God asked, "Where did it fall?" When he showed him the place, Elisha cut a stick and threw it there, and made the iron float. "Lift it out," he said. Then the man reached out his hand and took it.

2 Kings 6:1-7

WHEN YOU'VE LOST YOUR CUTTING EDGE...

1. Admit _____

As one of them was cutting down a tree, the iron axhead fell into the water. "Oh no, my lord!" he cried out. "It was borrowed!" 2 Kings 6:5

You don't love me or each other as you did at first! Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first.

Revelations 2:4-5 (NLT)

I had almost stopped believing: I had almost lost my faith.

Psalms 73:2 (NCV)

2. Acknowledge _____

The man of God asked, "Where did it fall?" ...he showed him the place...
2 Kings 6:6

- Distractions / Busyness
- Disobedience – not doing what you know God wants
- Relying on your own power / Pride
- Carelessness / Laziness

Do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by him; for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves.

Hebrews 12:5-6 (NRSV)

God disciplines us for our good that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Hebrews 12:10-11 (NIV)

3. Expect _____

Elisha cut a stick and threw it there, and made the iron float.

2 Kings 6:6

Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible.

Matthew 19:26 (NLT)

The Lord says, "If you return to Me, I will restore you so you can continue to serve Me."

Jeremiah 15:19 (NLT)

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:28-31

4. Reach out _____

"Lift it out," he said. Then the man reached out his hand and took it.

2 Kings 6:6-7

I long to be able to enter your courtyard and come near to the Living God.

Psalms 84:2 (Mes)

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*