

RIDICULOUS FAITH

ELISHA, A TALE OF RIDICULOUS FAITH, PART 2

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YOUR GREATEST NEED BECOMES A _____
WHEN IT DRIVES YOU TO _____ ON GOD.

So the king of Israel set out with the king of Judah and the king of Edom. After a roundabout march of seven days, the army had no more water for themselves or for the animals with them. "What!" exclaimed the king of Israel. "Has the Lord called us three kings together only to deliver us into the hands of Moab?" But Jehoshaphat asked, "Is there no prophet of the Lord here, through whom we may inquire of the Lord?" An officer of the king of Israel answered, "Elisha son of Shaphat is here. He used to pour water on the hands of Elijah." Jehoshaphat said, "The word of the Lord is with him." So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.
2 Kings 3:9-12

Elisha said to the king of Israel, "Why do you want to involve me? Go to the prophets of your father and the prophets of your mother." "No," the king of Israel answered, "because it was the Lord who called us three kings together to deliver us into the hands of Moab." Elisha said, "As surely as the Lord Almighty lives, whom I serve, if I did not have respect for the presence of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, I would not pay any attention to you."
2 Kings 3:13-14

But now bring me a harpist.
2 Kings 3:15

While the harpist was playing, the hand of the Lord came upon Elisha and he said, "This is what the Lord says: Make this valley full of ditches."
2 Kings 3:15-16 NIV

For this is what the Lord says: "You will see neither wind nor rain, yet this valley will be filled with water, and you, your cattle and your other animals will drink. This is an easy thing in the eyes of the Lord; he will also deliver Moab into your hands."
2 Kings 3:17-18

ONLY GOD CAN SEND THE WATER, BUT SOMETIMES HE WANTS YOU TO DIG A DITCH.

"Faith Works"

Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.
James 2:26 NLT

REAL FAITH BELIEVES _____ BUT IS WILLING TO START _____.

Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin...
Zechariah 4:10 NLT

The next morning, about the time for offering the sacrifice, there it was—water flowing from the direction of Edom! And the land was filled with water.
2 Kings 3:20

For Discussion

- Describe a time when a great need drove you to depend on God. How was it a blessing?
- What's one big dream for your life that you need God's help to accomplish?
- What ditch might God want you to start digging today to turn your dream into a reality?

* All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted