

Scripture Texts

2 KINGS 13:14-19

Now Elisha had been suffering from the illness from which he died. Joash king of Israel went down to see him and wept over him. “My father! My father!” he cried. “I see the chariots and horsemen of Israel!”

Elisha said, “Get a bow and some arrows,” and he did so.

“Take the bow in your hands,” he said to the king of Israel. When he had taken it, Elisha put his hands on the king’s hands.

“Open the east window,” he said, and he opened it. “Shoot!” Elisha said, and he shot. “The Lord’s arrow of victory, the arrow of victory over Aram!” Elisha declared. “You will completely destroy the enemy.”

Then he said, “Take the arrows,” and the king took them. Elisha told him, “Strike the ground.” He struck it three times and stopped. The man of God was angry with him and said, “You should have struck the ground five or six times; then you would have defeated Aram and completely destroyed it. But now you will defeat it only three times.”

JOB 1:18-20

While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, “Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother’s house, when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!” At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship.

DANIEL 10:12,13

The angel of the Lord said... “Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days.

ISAIAH 49:1-3

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”

ACTS 18:9,10

One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.”

2 KINGS 6:16

Elisha said, “Don’t be afraid. The army that fights for us is larger than the one that is against us.”

Big Ideas

1

A true test of commitment in our lives
is when a good thing dies.
Can we stay faithful
to the followership of Christ?

2

Church often operates as the lattice
structure for our lives; it helps us grow
in the right direction.
Allow this structure to help inspire a
deep commitment to a long obedience
in the same direction.

3

If the only time we show up at church
is during crisis, then we aren't living
from glory to glory;
we are living from problem to problem.
Church is not merely an emergency
room; it is a health club.

4

It is time to fight.

5

Success is obedience;
let God handle the outcomes.

6

Don't quit speaking to the dry bones
until they live.
Don't quit prophesying to the four
winds until they blow.
There is living water in Seattle's ground
and we will not quit
until it floods the Northwest.

Questions & Takeaways

- How can we lean in? What worthy sacrifice can we offer? How can we best join the fight for our region, our families, our nation, our world so loved by God?

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