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## MAKE ROOM FOR WHAT GOD IS ABOUT TO DO IN YOUR LIFE



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# Did you know that God can flood your life with blessings out of nowhere?

- Especially when it seems all hope is lost
- He might ask you to do some manual labor in order to receive those blessings
- Will you? Can you? Don’t you?

## 2 Kings 2 showed us the mantle of leadership being passed from Elijah to Elisha

- His call was known to the local people and region
- Now it was going to be taken worldwide

# 2 KINGS 3:1-2 (KJV)

1 Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.
2 And he wrought evil in the sight of the Lord; but not like his father, and like his mother: for he put away the image of Baal that his father had made.

# 2 KINGS 3:3 (KJV)

3 Nevertheless he cleaved unto the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

# We are introduced to Jehoram, the son of Ahab and Jezebel

- He began his rule in the 18th year of Jehoshaphat, who was King of Judah
- He lived a wicked life, but the Bible says that he was not as evil as his parents were
- He did remove the idol Ahab had built in Samaria, but didn’t destroy it

## He clung to the false worship of Jeroboam (1 Kings 12:25-33)

- Jeroboam built 2 golden calves and placed one in the south at Bethel, and one in the north at Dan
- He feared the people's loyalty to the Jerusalem temple would unite the northern and southern tribes religiously and politically
- He lied, claiming the calves were representations of God

JEHORAM’S REFORMS WERE HALF-HEARTED!!!

HOW MANY LEADERS HAVE ACTED THIS EVIL TODAY??

# MATTHEW 12:30 (KJV)

30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

# LUKE 16:13 (KJV)

13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

# JEREMIAH 48:10 (KJV)

10 Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully, and cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood.

# 2 KINGS 3:4-6 (KJV)

4 And Mesha king of Moab was a sheepmaster, and rendered unto the king of Israel an hundred thousand lambs, and an hundred thousand rams, with the wool. 5 But it came to pass, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel. 6 And king Jehoram went out of Samaria the same time, and numbered all Israel.

# The Moabites had been a vassal state for Israel

- This meant that they had to pay tribute to Israel regularly
- Ahab's death prompted them to rebel
- This is who Jehoram almost immediately is at war with

JEHORAM IS DEPENDENT ON THIS TRIBUTE FOR ECONOMIC SURVIVAL!!!

HE NEEDS HELP!!!! BUT WHO DOES HE TURN TO??

## 2 KINGS 3:7-8 (KJV)

7 And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab hath rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up: I am as thou art, my people as thy people, and my horses as thy horses. 8 And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of Edom.

# 2 KINGS 3:9 (KJV)

9 So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom: and they fetched a compass of seven days' journey: and there was no water for the host, and for the cattle that followed them.

# Jehoram seeks out a military alliance with Jehoshaphat

- He agrees
- Instead of heading north, they plan to march south through Edom to launch a surprise attack
- It was a 7-day journey, and they enlist the help of the king of Edom

THERE IS A MAJOR PROBLEM THOUGH….

NO WATER!!!!

FOR THE SOLDIERS OR THE ANIMALS!!

# 2 KINGS 3:10 (KJV)

10 And the king of Israel said, Alas! that the Lord hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab!

# Jehoram's fear comes out of his mouth

- What does he do? Complains and blames God!!!

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU KNOW THAT BLAME GOD

AT THE FIRST SIGN OF TROUBLE??

# JAMES 1:13 (KJV)

13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

# ROMANS 9:20 (KJV)

20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?

# PROVERBS 19:3 (KJV)

3 The foolishness of man perverteth his way:
and his heart fretteth against the Lord.

# Jehoram's response shows his disbelief and lack of faith in God

- Compare this to Jehoshaphat's response in the next verse

# 2 KINGS 3:11 (KJV)

11 But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the Lord, that we may enquire of the Lord by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah.

# 2 KINGS 3:12 (KJV)

12 And 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.

# Jehoshaphat's response shows he is a true believer

- He suggests they find a prophet who can seek God on their behalf
- One of the officers had heard of Elisha and what he had done previously with Elijah
- Elisha was already there amongst the army marching!!! God had put it in his heart to be there at this exact place and exact time!!

ISN’T IT AMAZING HOW PEOPLE THAT WANT NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU AND YOUR GOD….

WILL COME TO YOU ASKING TO HELP SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS!!!!

# 2 KINGS 3:13 (KJV)

13 And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, Nay: for the Lord hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab.

## 2 KINGS 3:14-15 (KJV)

14 And Elisha said, As the Lord of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee.
15 But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him.

# Elisha’s boldness and courage on display again

- Rebukes Jehoram for his idolatry, tells him to go to his false gods for help
- Jehoram again blames God for bringing the 3 kings together so Moab could kill them

## Elisha tells them he wouldn't help them at all if not for Jehoshaphat

- His reign is viewed positively in God's eyes (1 Kings 22:43)
- This is the impact you have on people's lives!!
- He tells them to bring him a musician, to set the stage for divine revelation

## 2 KINGS 3:16-17 (KJV)

16 And he said, Thus saith the Lord, Make this valley full of ditches. 17 For thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts. 18 And this is but a light thing in the sight of the Lord: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand.

WHAT DOES GOD TELL THEM TO DO??

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**“Make this valley full of ditches…Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain, yet that valley shall be filled with water…”**

- God would flood the previously barren valley with water, without wind or rain
- Impossible? For man, yes
- Not for God!!!

GOD WOULD GIVE THEM VICTORY OVER MOAB!!

HE WILL DO THE SAME FOR YOU!!!

# 1 CORINTHIANS 15:57 (KJV)

57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

# DEUTERONOMY 20:4 (KJV)

4 For the Lord your God is he that goeth with you,
to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

# 2 KINGS 3:19 (KJV)

19 And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones.

## Elisha reveals how devastating the destruction would be

- They would destroy all the cities, as well as the food and water supply
- No chance of resettlement

WHEN GOD SOLVES A PROBLEM….

HE SOLVES IT BETTER THAN YOU COULD EVER IMAGINE!!

## Elisha’s ministry is now being displayed for the whole world to bear witness

- His validation as a true prophet from God directly

# 2 KINGS 3:20 (KJV)

20 And it came to pass in the morning, when the meat offering was offered, that, behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

# Flash floods in the hills flow down into the valley

- Down into the ditches that were dug before
- God’s promises being fulfilled

# 2 KINGS 3:21-22 (KJV)

21 And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they gathered all that were able to put on armour, and upward, and stood in the border. 22 And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side as red as blood:

# The Moabites get word that a big army is coming against them

- Early in the morning, they mistake the water they see as blood because it appears red-colored
- They think the 3 king armies have turned against themselves and killed each other
- Edom's lineage deriving from "the red stuff" (Genesis 25:30)

## 2 KINGS 3:24 (KJV)

24 And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote the Moabites, so that they fled before them: but they went forward smiting the Moabites, even in their country.

## 2 KINGS 3:25 (KJV)

25 And they beat down the cities, and on every good piece of land cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees: only in Kirharaseth left they the stones thereof; howbeit the slingers went about it, and smote it.

# The Moabite army is completely destroyed by rushing in to seize the plunder

- A warning against greed and arrogance
- These verses are fulfillment of God's prophecy through Elisha

# ROMANS 4:20-21 (KJV)

20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;
21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

# 2 PETER 1:4 (KJV)

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

## 2 KINGS 3:26-27 (KJV)

26 And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew swords, to break through even unto the king of Edom: but they could not. 27 Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.

## The Moabite king tries to break through the defenses of Edom, but fails

- Desperate and frantic, what does he do?

- Sacrifices his own son up to his “god” in full public view!!

- (“and offered him for a burnt offering upon the wall.”)

THIS IS HOW LONG GOD'S ENEMIES WILL GO IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HIM AND YOU!!

**BUT THEY WON'T WIN!!!**

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EVIL PEOPLE MIGHT COME SEEKING

YOUR HELP TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS!!!

JUST LIKE JEHORAM!!!

# DO NOT DO IT FOR THEM!!

## ELISHA CALLED OUT JEHORAM FOR HIS IDOLATRY!!

ELISHA ONLY AGREED TO HELP

BECAUSE OF JEHOSHAPHAT!!

A SMALL REMNANT!!!

GOD TOLD THEM TO DIG THE DITCHES!!!

HE WOULD MIRACULOUSLY MAKE WATER APPEAR

AND

DESTROY THEIR ENEMIES!!!

# WHATEVER YOU ARE GOING THROUGH….

## GOD CAN AND WILL DO THE SAME FOR YOU TODAY!!!

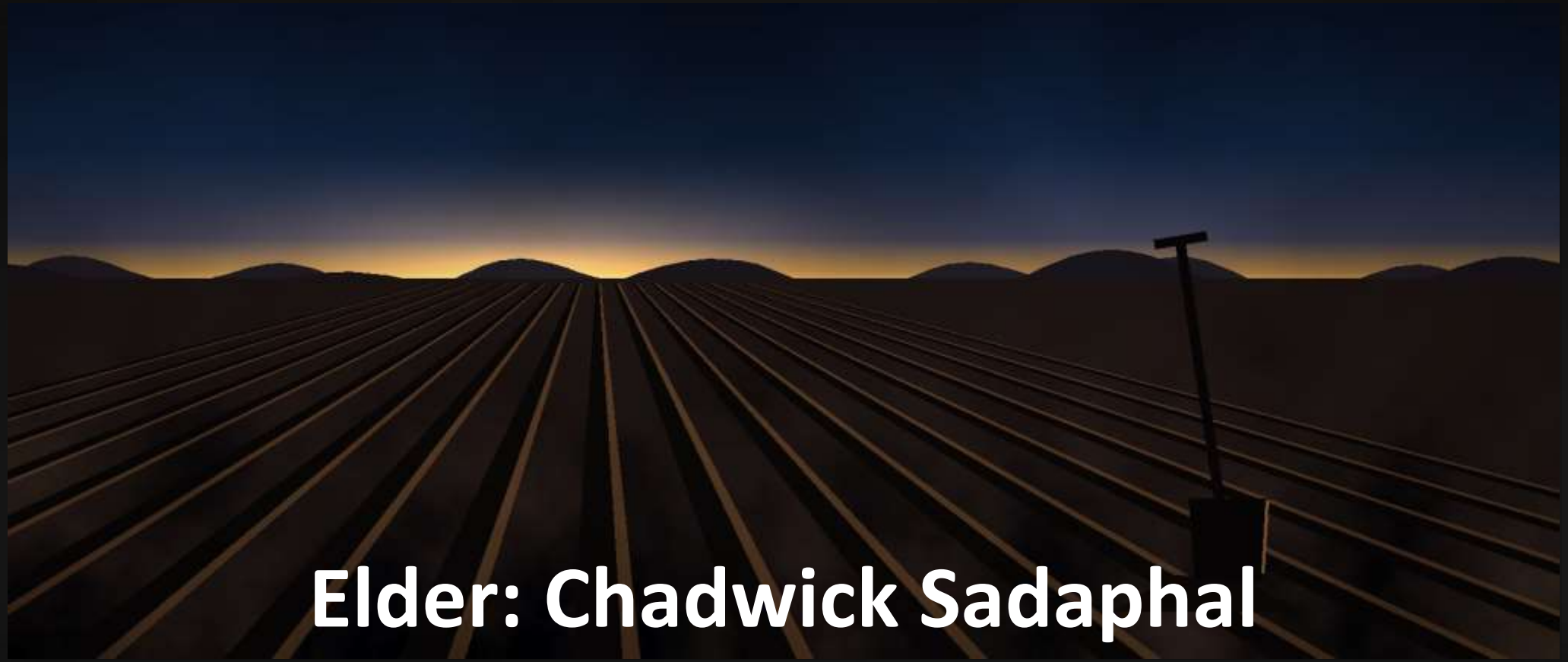
# ALWAYS REMEMBER…..

**FAITH DOESN’T WAIT UNTIL THE WATER COMES TO START DIGGING!!!**

**FAITH COMES BECAUSE GOD HAS SPOKEN!!!**

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