

Elisha: A Tale of Ridiculous Faith

Week 4: Ridiculous Recovery

TALK IT OVER

KEY SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 6:1-7 NLT

One day the group of prophets came to Elisha and told him, “As you can see, this place where we meet with you is too small. ²Let’s go down to the Jordan River, where there are plenty of logs. There we can build a new place for us to meet.”

“All right,” he told them, “go ahead.”

³ “Please come with us,” someone suggested.

“I will,” he said. ⁴So he went with them.

When they arrived at the Jordan, they began cutting down trees. ⁵But as one of them was cutting a tree, his ax head fell into the river. “Oh, sir!” he cried. “It was a borrowed ax!”

⁶“Where did it fall?” the man of God asked. When he showed him the place, Elisha cut a stick and threw it into the water at that spot. Then the ax head floated to the surface. ⁷“Grab it,” Elisha said. And the man reached out and grabbed it.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Day 1: 2 Kings 6:1-7

Day 2: 2 Kings 5:1-14

Day 3: 2 Kings 6:8-23

Day 4: 2 Kings 13:20-21

Day 5: 1 Peter 5:10

Day 6: Psalm 51:12

Day 7: Revelation 21:4

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What have you borrowed that you still haven’t returned?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read and discuss 2 Kings 1:6-7. Why the worry over a lost ax head? Why does Elisha care about the place where it fell into the water? What message does this story convey?

Start sharing. Choose some questions to create openness.

- Does God deal only with big issues? Do you pray about parking spaces or good weather?
- How does it make you feel when you understand that our big God cares about the small details of your life?
- The big miracles are exciting because they show how big God is, but the small miracles show how much He really cares. Share about a time when God did something “small” but significant in your life.
- Share a time when God helped you find something you didn’t mean to lose. What did you learn from that experience?
- Pastor Matthew said that miracles set something that was wrong right, and they point to the ultimate restoration that is still to come. Think about some other miracles you know about in the Bible. What wrong did they make right? How to they point to the ultimate restoration that is coming?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, thank You for the record of Your powerful acts in history that we have in Your Word. You show Your almighty power not only in big ways but in small ways too. Help us not overlook the little ways You interact with us every day and to recognize Your hand at work all around us. Amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Turn to God first. As our Father, God invites us to come to Him with all our cares—both big and small. What’s a way that you can remind yourself to go to Him first?
- Commit to prayer. Commit to spending a few days in focused, consistent prayer with God. Try journaling or writing down what you pray about—even writing out your prayer, if that helps. Don’t forget to take time to listen—prayer is a conversation, after all.
- Accept an invitation. Elisha was able to help the man who lost the ax head because he accepted the invitation to go with them. The next time you’re extended an invitation, keep your eyes open to how God might use you to impact someone else while you’re there.