

CURRENT SERIES

ELISHA: A TALE OF RIDICULOUS FAITH

Can you imagine what could happen if you gave control of your life to God? It's scary, but the benefits are world-altering! The story of Elisha challenges us to answer God's calling and take the risks that are necessary to do His will. Come see what life can look like when we let go—when we have ridiculous faith!

MESSAGE NOTES

Ridiculous Faith

2 Kings 3:9-20 | Pastor Matthew Starner

Your greatest need becomes a blessing when it drives you to

2 Kings 3:9-20 NLT: The king of Edom and his troops joined them, and all three armies traveled along a roundabout route through the wilderness for seven days. But there was no water for the men or their animals.

¹⁰“What should we do?” the king of Israel cried out. “The LORD has brought the three of us here to let the king of Moab defeat us.”

¹¹But King Jehoshaphat of Judah asked, “Is there no prophet of the LORD with us? If there is, we can ask the LORD what to do through him.”

One of King Joram's officers replied, “Elisha son of Shaphat is here. He used to be Elijah's personal assistant.”

¹²Jehoshaphat said, “Yes, the LORD speaks through him.” So the king of Israel, King Jehoshaphat of Judah, and the king of Edom went to consult with Elisha.

¹³“Why are you coming to me?” Elisha asked the king of Israel. “Go to the pagan prophets of your father and mother!”

But King Joram of Israel said, “No! For it was the LORD who called us three kings here—only to be defeated by the king of Moab!”

¹⁴Elisha replied, “As surely as the LORD Almighty lives, whom I serve, I wouldn't even bother with you except for my respect for King Jehoshaphat of Judah. ¹⁵Now bring me someone who can play the harp.”

While the harp was being played, the power of the LORD came upon Elisha, ¹⁶and he said, “This is what the LORD says: This dry valley will be filled with pools of water! ¹⁷You will see neither wind nor rain, says the

LORD, but this valley will be filled with water. You will have plenty for yourselves and your cattle and other animals. ¹⁸But this is only a simple thing for the LORD, for he will make you victorious over the army of Moab! ¹⁹You will conquer the best of their towns, even the fortified ones. You will cut down all their good trees, stop up all their springs, and ruin all their good land with stones.”

²⁰The next day at about the time when the morning sacrifice was offered, water suddenly appeared! It was flowing from the direction of Edom, and soon there was water everywhere.

How is your greatest need driving you to _____?

Ridiculous faith is faith that trusts in the _____ of God despite the _____.

Matthew 6:25-26 NLT: “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable to him than they are?”

Colossians 1:19-20 NLT: For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, ²⁰ and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ’s blood on the cross.

Romans 8:18-21 NLT: Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. ¹⁹ For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. ²⁰ Against its will, all creation was subjected to God’s curse. But with eager hope, ²¹ the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God’s children in glorious freedom from death and decay.

Your greatest _____ is fulfilled in Jesus, and your _____ is met in Jesus and His work for you.

TALK IT OVER

These discussion questions can help you take today's sermon and help you apply it to your life or find your next steps. Use these questions with your family, with friends, or in your own personal devotion time.

1. Read and discuss 2 Kings 3:1-27. What big problem do the armies encounter (v. 9)? Why is it only at this point of desperation that they turn to a prophet of God (v.11)?
2. How do you think Elisha's advice (vv. 16-18) will set with the soldiers awaiting relief from thirst?
3. Describe a time when a great need drove you to depend on God. How was it a blessing?
4. Does God still come to the rescue of His people in dramatic ways? In what ways have you personally experienced God's faithfulness in your life?
5. What is one big dream for your life that you need God's help to accomplish?
6. What is something you can do to strengthen your trust in God?

THIS WEEK IN THE BIBLE

Take today's message beyond Sunday and into the rest of your week. Read and reflect on these verses alone, with your family, or with a friend. Talk about how they apply to your life today or what God might be teaching you through His Word.

Sunday	2 Kings 3:1-20
Monday	2 Kings 3:21-27
Tuesday	Matthew 6:25-34
Wednesday	Colossians 1:19-23
Thursday	Romans 8:18-25
Friday	Philippians 4:10-14
Saturday	Revelation 21:1-7

ONLINE NOTES

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