

## 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 Recovery

2 Kings 6:1-7 | Pastor Matthew Starner

**2 Kings 4:1-2 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. <sup>2</sup>Let’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.”

<sup>3</sup>“Please come with us,” someone suggested.

“I will,” he said. <sup>4</sup>So he went with them.

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

<sup>6</sup>“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. <sup>7</sup>“Grab it,” Elisha said. And the man reached out and grabbed it.

Our \_\_\_\_\_ God actually cares about the \_\_\_\_\_ details of our lives.

Miracles deliberately make \_\_\_\_\_ something that was \_\_\_\_\_, and they point to the future when God will finish \_\_\_\_\_ His fallen creation.

The story of the ax head is the story of \_\_\_\_\_.

Our God goes to ridiculous lengths to \_\_\_\_\_.

# TALK IT OVER

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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 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?
2. How does it make you feel when you understand that our big God cares about the small details of your life?
3. 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.
4. Share a time when God helped you find something you didn't mean to lose. What did you learn from that experience?
5. 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 do they point to the ultimate restoration that is coming?

# THIS WEEK IN THE BIBLE

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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.

<b>Sunday</b>	2 Kings 6:1-7
<b>Monday</b>	2 Kings 5:1-14
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Kings 6:8-23
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Kings 13:20-21
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Peter 5:10
<b>Friday</b>	2 Psalm 51:12
<b>Saturday</b>	Revelation 21:4

# ONLINE NOTES

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