

A Tale of Awesome Faith: Awesome Action

Today we are going to talk about _____

And we're going to see how digging ditches is a powerful picture of

2 King 3 v 9-20 New Century Version

So the king of Israel went with the king of Judah and the king of Edom. After they had marched seven days, there was no more water for the army or for their animals that were with them. ¹⁰The king of Israel said, "This is terrible! The LORD has called us three kings together to hand us over to the Moabites!"

¹¹But Jehoshaphat asked, "Is there a prophet of the LORD here? We can ask the LORD through him."

An officer of the king of Israel answered, "Elisha son of Shaphat is here. He was Elijah's servant."

¹²Jehoshaphat said, "He speaks the LORD's truth." So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to see Elisha.....

¹⁴Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD All-Powerful lives, whom I serve, I tell you the truth. I wouldn't even look at you or notice you if Jehoshaphat king of Judah were not here. I respect him. ¹⁵Now bring me someone who plays the harp."

While the harp was being played, the LORD gave Elisha power. ¹⁶Then Elisha said, "The LORD says to dig holes in the valley. ¹⁷The LORD says you won't see wind or rain, but the valley will be filled with water. Then you, your cattle, and your other animals can drink. ¹⁸This is easy for the LORD to do; he will also hand Moab over to you.....

²⁰The next morning, about the time the sacrifice was offered, water came from the direction of Edom and filled the valley.

1. When you hit problems don't blame God but _____ v 10-11

2. _____ helps you hear the voice of God v 15-16

Psalm 46 v 10 NLT – 'Be still and know that I am God.'

Acts 13 v 2 NLT - One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Appoint Barnabas and Saul...."

3. Only God can send the water but sometimes he wants you to _____ v 16-17

James 2 v 26 NLT - Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.

Exodus 14 v 15 NLT - Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the people to get moving! ¹⁶Pick up your staff and raise your hand over the sea. Divide the water so the Israelites can walk through the middle of the sea on dry ground.

2 Chronicles 16 v 9 NLT – The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

4. Real faith is willing to start _____

Zechariah 4 v 10 NLT - Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin

My commitment: