

Digging Ditches in Faith: Trusting God for the Impossible

Turning to God in Desperation

Jehoram, the king of Israel, was leading a military campaign against Moab, but when they reached the wilderness of Edom, they ran into a major problem—there was no water. This was a crisis. Without water, the army and their animals would perish.

In panic, Jehoram assumed the worst, saying, *“The Lord has called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab!”* (2 Kings 3:10)

How often do we jump to conclusions and assume the worst when we face an impossible situation?

- Instead of trusting God, we immediately think, *“This is it. I’m doomed.”*
- Instead of praying, we panic.
- Instead of believing God’s promises, we focus on the problem.

But Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, responded differently. He said,

“Is there no prophet of the Lord here, that we may inquire of the Lord?” (2 Kings 3:11)

This is a powerful lesson:

- When you’re in crisis, turn to God first.
- Seek His wisdom before making assumptions.
- God always has a solution—even when we don’t see a way forward.

Elisha’s Response: Worship Before the Breakthrough

Elisha was called to seek God on behalf of the kings. But before giving an answer, he did something significant:

“Bring me a minstrel.” (2 Kings 3:15)

As the musician played, the hand of the Lord came upon him, and he received the word of God.

This is a powerful reminder that worship prepares our hearts to hear from God.

- When we are anxious, fearful, or overwhelmed, worship realigns our focus back to God.
- Worship lifts our faith and drowns out doubt.
- Worship makes room for God to speak into our situation.

When you are facing a dry season in life, take time to worship. Before you look for a solution, seek the presence of God.

God's Unusual Command: Digging Ditches in a Dry Land

Elisha then gave a strange instruction from the Lord:

"Make this valley full of ditches. For thus says the Lord: You shall not see wind, nor shall you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, so that you, your cattle, and your animals may drink." (2 Kings 3:16-17)

This didn't make any sense.

- They were in a desert. There was no sign of rain.
- God asked them to dig ditches—before there was any water.
- There was no visible evidence that God would provide.

But God was teaching them a lesson about faith:

- Faith acts before the miracle comes.
- Faith obeys even when it doesn't make sense.
- Faith makes room for God's provision.

Are You Digging Ditches in Faith?

Many times, we want God to provide before we step out in faith. But God often asks us to act in obedience first.

- Do you need a financial breakthrough? Start being generous now.
- Do you need a relationship restored? Start praying for that person now.
- Do you want to grow spiritually? Start spending time in God's Word and prayer daily.

God calls us to "dig ditches"—to prepare for His provision before we even see the answer.

The Miracle Came Without Wind or Rain

The next morning, water filled the ditches they had dug—but it didn't come from rain or wind. God provided in an unexpected way.

This teaches us that:

- God's provision doesn't always come the way we expect.
- We may not see signs of how God will work, but He will fulfill His promises.
- If we prepare in faith, He will provide in His time.

Your Obedience Creates Room for God's Blessing

Imagine if they had refused to dig the ditches.

- The water would have come, but they wouldn't have had the capacity to receive it.
- The size of their blessing was determined by their obedience.

God's provision is often waiting on our obedience.

- Are you preparing for what you are praying for?
- Are you stepping out in faith, even when you don't see results yet?
- Are you making room for God's blessing, or just waiting passively?

Victory Through God's Strategy

The Moabites saw the water in the early morning sun, and it looked like blood. Thinking the Israelite armies had killed each other, they rushed in without caution—only to be ambushed and defeated completely.

This teaches us another lesson: God's ways are higher than ours (Isaiah 55:8-9).

- God turned the water into a weapon.
- What seemed like a disaster became their victory.
- God's plan worked in a way they never expected.

If you are facing a battle today, trust God's strategy. He sees the bigger picture, and He knows how to turn things in your favor.

Personal Applications from 2 Kings 3

1. In crisis, seek God first.
 - Don't panic. Don't assume the worst. Pray and ask for His guidance.
2. Worship prepares the way for the breakthrough.
 - Before the answer comes, set your heart in worship and surrender.
3. Faith acts before the miracle.
 - Dig ditches before you see the rain. Step out in obedience first.
4. God provides in unexpected ways.
 - You may not see the wind or rain, but trust that He will make a way.
5. Your obedience determines the size of your blessing.
 - The more ditches they dug, the more water they received.
 - Are you preparing for the blessings you are praying for?

6. God fights battles in ways we don't expect.

- The Moabites were defeated because God used the water as a trap.
- Trust God's strategy—even when it doesn't make sense.

Final Challenge: Are You Willing to Dig Ditches?

God is asking you to prepare in faith. He wants you to dig ditches—even when you don't see the answer yet.

- Will you step out in obedience, even when it doesn't make sense?
- Will you trust Him enough to make room for His provision?
- Will you worship while you wait for the breakthrough?

The water didn't come until they dug the ditches.

What is God asking you to do today—before the blessing comes?