



FAITH IN ACTION: TRACING A LEGACY OF LOVE

⁹ The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps. **Proverbs 16:9**

⁴ Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. ⁵ Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all day long. **Psalm 25:4, 5**

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TEXT: 2 KINGS 13:14-19

TITLE: FAITH IN ACTION:
FAITH TO DO MORE THAN I THINK NECESSARY

INTRODUCTION

- A. We live in an era where laziness prevails _____
- B. People are always looking for the cheapest, easiest, quickest way to do the least amount – which may not be the most effective and productive way _____
- C. In other words, some choose to do the bare minimum _____
- D. Even when it comes to the things of God, we sometimes choose to do the bare minimum _____

IN A TIME OF TROUBLE

- A. King Joash went to the Prophet Elisha _____
- B. The Prophet Elisha is on his deathbed _____
 - 1. King Joash wept over Elisha
 - 2. King Joash called him “The chariots and horsemen of Israel!”
 - 3. Elisha was the strength of Israel
 - 4. Remember: Elisha gave Israel the battle positions of the Syrian army

ELISHA GIVES A TWO STEP ANSWER

- A. Shoot an arrow (symbolism) _____
 - 1. Elisha gives a procedure
 - 2. The arrow signified victory for Joash
 - 3. Elisha, “The arrow of the Lord’s deliverance and the arrow of deliverance from Syria; for you must strike the Syrians at Aphek till you have destroyed them.
- B. Strike the remaining arrows on the ground (symbolism)
 - 1. Elisha previously told him, “...for you must strike the Syrians at Aphek till you have destroyed them.”
 - 2. Then Elisha said, “Take the arrows. Strike the ground.”
 - 3. Joash struck the ground three times, and stopped.
- C. Elisha was angry with him
 - 1. “You should have struck five or six times; then you would have struck Syria till you destroyed it!
 - 2. But now you will strike Syria only three times.”
 - 3. **2 Kings 13:25**, ...*Three times Joash defeated him and recaptured the cities of Israel.*

DO I DO THE BARE MINIMUM IN THE FULFILLMENT OF MY CALLING?