

## Defying Gravity: The Axehead

2 Kings 6:1 The company of the prophets said to Elisha, "Look, the place where we meet with you is too small for us.

2 Let us go to the Jordan, where each of us can get a pole; and let us build a place there for us to meet." And he said, "Go."

3 Then one of them said, "Won't you please come with your servants?" "I will," Elisha replied.

4 And he went with them. They went to the Jordan and began to cut down trees.

5 As one of them was cutting down a tree, the iron axehead fell into the water. "Oh no, my lord!" he cried out. "It was borrowed!"

6 The man of God asked, "Where did it fall?" When he showed him the place, Elisha cut a stick and threw it there, and made the iron float.

7 "Lift it out," he said. Then the man reached out his hand and took it.

- The prophet/teacher = the Lord Jesus (verse 6);
- The company of the prophets = Christian workers (verse 1);
- The axe-head = the power, anointing and enabling of the Holy Spirit

2 Timothy 3:5 They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

Revelation 22:2 "I know all the things you do. I have seen your hard work and your patient endurance. I know you don't tolerate evil people. You have examined the claims of those who say they are apostles but are not. You have discovered they are liars.

3 You have patiently suffered for me without quitting.

4 "But I have this complaint against you. You don't love me or each other as you did at first!

5 Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you don't repent/turn back, I will come and remove your lamp stand from its place among the churches.

### It's a picture of godly people working together

2 Kings 6:2 Let **us** go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence **every man** a beam, and let **us** make **us** a place there, where we may dwell

### It's a picture of lost empowerment..."The Axe Isn't Mine / I Borrowed the Axe / I LOST the Axe

Ephesians 4:7 However, he has given each one of us a special gift/grace through the generosity of Christ.

11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.

12 Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

### There will be a Day of Evaluation

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.

1 Corinthians 3:13 But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value.

14 If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward.

15 But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.

## **The Axe is the Holy Spirit**

1 Corinthians 3:16 Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you?

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Judges 16:20 Then (Delilah) cried out, “Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!” When he woke up, he thought, “I will do as before and shake myself free.” **But he didn't realize the Lord had left him.**

## **We Have To Go Back to Where You Lost The Axe (“Where did it fall?”)**

Verse 6 The man of God asked, “Where did it fall?” When he showed him the place, Elisha cut a stick and threw it there, and made the iron float.

**BIG LESSON: The solution is NOT to try harder.**

- 1) Be Honest — Admit we lost it. “He cried out, ‘I've lost it!’”
- 2) Remember where it came from. “Alas, it was borrowed.”
- 3) Ask for help!
- 4) Return to where we lost it.
- 5) Reacquire it through a confrontation with the divine!  
Revelation 2:5.....Turn back to me and do the works you did at first.