

Elisha
and the
Floating Ax Head

2 Kings 6:1-7

Elisha

- Made bad water good (2:19-11), bad stew good (4:38-41)
- Rebuked and punished men who disrespected God's prophet (2:23-24)
- Multiplied jar of oil (4:1-7) and barley bread (4:42-44)
- Raised Shunammite woman's only son (4:18-37)
- Dead man raised after touching bones (13:21)

Jesus

- Turned water into wine (John 2)
- Rebuked and punished men who disrespected God's house (John 2:14 ff.)
- Multiplied loaves and fishes (Mat. 14:15 ff.; 15:32 ff.)
- Raised Nainite woman's only son (Luke 7:11 ff.)
- Raised from the dead by power of God (Luke 24:6)

2 Kings 6:1-3

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Friendship Theology vs. Lordship Theology

- Jesus desires friendship – John 15:13
- No friendship w/o lordship – John 15:14
- Col. 3:17 – “Do all in the name of the Lord.”
- Friendship only thru discipleship – Mat. 28:19

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*Comfort and Strength Through
Lord's Presence*

- Mat. 28:20 – Assurance to apostles
- 2 Cor. 6:16; 2 John 9 – Assurance to us.

2 Kings 6:4-5

Good discipleship does not mean freedom from hardship and trials.

Jesus will see us through!
2 Tim. 4:16-18

Two things disciple did right:

- Concern about thing borrowed – Exo. 22:14
- Knew who to call for help: “Alas, master!”
Phil 4:6-7; 1 Pet 5:7

2 Kings 6:6

Obviously supernatural event.

Why the stick?

c/w 2:14; 2:21; 4:34

Emphasize power of God
channeled thru prophet?

God's power raises things:

- Causes lost to be found, darkness to light
- Same power raised Jesus from dead
- Raises spiritually dead to life – Eph. 2:1, 4-7

2 Kings 6:7

*Son of prophet had to reach out
and take hold of the ax head.*

*God did what was necessary to make
our salvation possible:*

- Sent His Son to live as a man, die on cross.
- Raised Jesus from dead, made Him our Lord and Christ.

*Will you reach out and
take hold of salvation?*