

HISTORY

IN 1 & 2 KINGS

Four Blessed Guys

God Can Still Turn It Around



2 Kings 7

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2 Kings 6:25

So there was a severe famine in Samaria, and they continued the siege against it until a donkey's head sold for thirty-four ounces of silver, and a cup of dove's dung sold for two ounces of silver.




34 Ounces of Silver

2 Ounces of Silver

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2 Kings 7:1-2

¹ Elisha replied, "Hear the word of the LORD! This is what the LORD says: 'About this time tomorrow at Samaria's gate, six quarts of fine flour will sell for a half ounce of silver and twelve quarts of barley will sell for a half ounce of silver.'" ² Then the captain, the king's right-hand man, responded to the man of God, "Look, even if the LORD were to make windows in heaven, could this really happen?" Elisha announced, "You will in fact see it with your own eyes, but you won't eat any of it."




½ Ounce of Silver

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The Point of Total Desperation

2 Kings 7:3-4

³ Now four men with a skin disease were at the entrance to the city gate. They said to each other, "Why just sit here until we die?" ⁴ If we say, 'Let's go into the city,' we will die there because the famine is in the city, but if we sit here, we will also die. So now, come on. Let's surrender to the Arameans' camp. If they let us live, we will live; if they kill us, we will die."

3 Options

1. We Can Go Into the City and Die of Hunger
2. We Can Sit Outside the City and Die of Hunger
3. We Can Surrender to the Enemy and Maybe They Will Make Us Prisoners and Feed Us



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The Joy of Finding God's Provision

2 Kings 7:5-8

⁵ So the diseased men got up at twilight to go to the Arameans' camp. When they came to the camp's edge, they discovered that no one was there, ⁶ for the Lord had caused the Aramean camp to hear the sound of chariots, horses, and a large army. The Arameans had said to each other, "The king of Israel must have hired the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Egypt to attack us." ⁷ So they had gotten up and fled at twilight, abandoning their tents, horses, and donkeys. The camp was intact, and they had fled for their lives. ⁸ When these diseased men came to the edge of the camp, they went into a tent to eat and drink. Then they picked up the silver, gold, and clothing and went off and hid them. They came back and entered another tent, picked things up, and hid them.

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The Sharing of the Good News

2 Kings 7:9-11

⁹ Then they said to each other, "We're not doing what is right. Today is a day of good news. If we are silent and wait until morning light, our punishment will catch up with us. So let's go tell the king's household." ¹⁰ The diseased men came and called to the city's gatekeepers and told them, "We went to the Aramean camp and no one was there—no human sounds. There was nothing but tethered horses and donkeys, and the tents were intact." ¹¹ The gatekeepers called out, and the news was reported to the king's household.

Silence Is Sinful
The Good News Must Be Shared

James 4:17
So it is sin to know the good and yet not do it.

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The Hesitancy to Believe

2 Kings 7:12

So the king got up in the night and said to his servants, "Let me tell you what the Arameans have done to us. They know we are starving, so they have left the camp to hide in the open country, thinking, "When they come out of the city, we will take them alive and go into the city.""

HESITANCY It's Just Too Good to Be True
It's Too Simple to Be Real

Matthew 18:3 "Truly I tell you," he said, "unless you turn and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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The Hesitancy to Believe

2 Kings 7:16

Then the people went out and plundered the Aramean camp. It was then that six quarts of fine flour sold for a half ounce of silver and twelve quarts of barley sold for a half ounce of silver, according to the word of the LORD.



½ Ounce of Silver ½ Ounce of Silver

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The Hesitancy to Believe

2 Kings 7:2

Then the captain, the king's right-hand man, responded to the man of God, "Look, even if the LORD were to make windows in heaven, could this really happen?" Elisha announced, "You will in fact see it with your own eyes, but you won't eat any of it."

2 Kings 7:17

The king had appointed the captain, his right-hand man, to be in charge of the city gate, but the people trampled him in the gate. He died, just as the man of God had predicted when the king had come to him.

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It all points to



Jesus

The Bread of Life Who Satisfies the Starving Soul
and
Calls Us to Proclaim the Good News to Others

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