



Faith During Faithless Times

A Study of II Kings

Part III—Victory Through Intensity

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Big Idea: Great sin of the church today — the twin evils of apathy and passivity. “One rises to the level of their intensity not opportunity.”

Application Point: Breakthroughs can be realized by living a life of intensity, consistency, and commitment. God is asking the church to take the arrows of God’s deliverance and do something with them. Take the arrow of INTENSITY, the arrow of CONSISTENCY and the arrow of COMMITMENT, and secure the victory.

**We don’t rise to the level of our opportunity,
but to the level of our intensity.**

2 Kings 13:14-20 (NKJV)

14 Elisha had become sick with the illness of which he would die. Then Joash the king of Israel came down to him, and wept over his face, and said, "O my father, my father, the chariots of Israel and their horsemen!" 15 And Elisha said to him, "Take a bow and some arrows." So he took himself a bow and some arrows. 16 Then he said to the king of Israel, "Put your hand on the bow." So he put his hand on it, and Elisha put his hands on the king's hands. 17 And he said, "Open the east window"; and he opened it. Then Elisha said, "Shoot"; and he shot. And he said, "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." 18 Then he said, "Take the arrows"; so he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, "Strike the ground"; so he struck three times, and stopped. 19 And the man of God was angry with him, and said, "You should have struck five or six times; then you would have struck Syria till you had destroyed it! But now you will strike Syria only three times." 20 Then Elisha died, and they buried him. And the raiding bands from Moab invaded the land in the spring of the year.

YOUR LIFE IN NUMBERS

In Bed

33 years [12,045 days]

Work

13 years, 2 months [4821 days]

Screen Time

11 years, 4 months [4127 days]

Eating

4 years, 6 months [1583 days]

Romance

1 year, 30 days [395 days]

WHAT IS LEFT?

8 years, 2 months [2997 days] to live your life according to God's plan.

*“Don’t depend on the enemy not coming;
depend rather on being ready for him.”*
—Sun-tzu, The Art of War (fourth century B.C.)

Psalm 78:41 (NKJV)

41 Yes, again and again they tempted God, And limited the Holy One of Israel.

MY THREE ARROWS

1. _____

2 *Timothy 4:2 (MSG)*

2 so proclaim the Message with intensity; keep on your watch. Challenge, warn, and urge your people. Don't ever quit. Just keep it simple.

*“Importunity is made up of intensity,
perseverance, patience and persistence.”*
—E. M. Bounds

2. _____

Matthew 3:8 (CSB)

8 Therefore produce fruit consistent with repentance.

Consistency:

It's the jewel worth wearing;

It's the anchor worth weighing;

It's the thread worth weaving;

It's the battle worth winning.

—Charles R. Swindoll

3. _____

Psalms 37:5 (NLT)

5 Commit everything you do to the LORD. Trust him, and he will help you.

Commitment means a willingness to be unhappy for awhile.

ANSWERS:

1. INTENSITY

2. CONSISTENCY

3. COMMITMENT