



## SERMON NOTES

### **Unleash: Find It!**

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Keeping your A-game isn't automatic. Ask any athlete, entertainer, musician, etc. if you're not careful you can lose your edge. How do you recover your edge after you have lost your edge? That's what our story is about today.

#### **GETTING BACK YOUR EDGE**

##### **1. GET UNCOMFORTABLE**

**2 Kings 6:1-2 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup> One day the group of prophets came to Elisha and told him, "As you can see, this place where we meet with you is too small. <sup>2</sup> Let's go down to the Jordan River, where there are plenty of logs. There we can build a new place for us to meet." "All right," he told them, "go ahead."

If are not careful we can become dull in our comfort zones.

**SOMETIMES THE PLACE YOU ARE IN CAN BECOME TOO SMALL FOR YOU.**

##### **2. GROWING TAKES WORK.**

**2 Kings 6:4 (NLT)**

So he went with them. When they arrived at the Jordan, they began cutting down trees.

If you don't want to lose your edge stay busy for God or you'll become dull. God blesses our "Labor of love" it doesn't go unnoticed.

**Hebrews 6:10 (NKJV)**

<sup>10</sup> For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

Growing/building anything of value takes work. Hard work!

**Ps. 100:2**

"Serve the Lord with gladness?"

You cannot do God's work without Him, but He will not do His work without you.

##### **3. STAY SHARP**

**2 Kings 6:5 (NLT)**

But as one of them was cutting a tree, his ax head fell into the river. "Oh, sir!" he cried. "It was a borrowed ax!"

This young prophet lost his edge while he was being productive.

**Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NLT)**

<sup>10</sup> Using a dull ax requires great strength, so sharpen the blade. That's the value of wisdom; it helps you succeed.

Notice the axe was borrowed. All that we are and all that we have is "borrowed." Paul asked, "And what do you have that you did not receive?" (**1 Cor. 4:7, NKJV**), and John the Baptist said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven" (**John 3:27, NKJV**). Whatever gifts, abilities, possessions, and opportunities we have are from God.

##### **4. WHAT HAS BEEN LOST CAN BE FOUND**

**2 Kings 6:6 (NLT)**

"Where did it fall?" the man of God asked. When he showed him the place, Elisha cut a stick and threw it into the water at that spot. Then the ax head floated to the surface.

If you have lost your spiritual edge you can get it back. It's traceable. We can all trace the moment, the spot the exact time we allowed something in our life or out of our life that caused us to lose our spiritual edge.

It starts when we stop praying, reading God's Word, fellowshiping with God's people.

#### **5. THE BIBLE IS A STICKY BOOK**

**2 Kings 6:6 (NLT)**

*"...Elisha cut a stick and threw it into the water at that spot. Then the ax head floated to the surface.*

*"You are My battle-ax and weapons of war: For with you I will break the nation in pieces; With you I will destroy kingdoms;*

**Jeremiah 51:20 NKJV**

Elisha throws a stick in the spot where the axe head fell and it begins to float. Moses had a stick through it in the bitter waters and they were made sweet. The Bible calls Jesus "the righteous branch." It calls him "the branch of David." Jesus had a tree that he hung on to change us and reclaim us after we had fallen deep into the river of sin.

#### **6. GRAB IT**

**2 Kings 6:7 (NLT)**

*"Grab it," Elisha said. And the man reached out and grabbed it.*