



SERMON NOTES

Unleash: Dig It!

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2 Kings 3:13-20 (NJB)

¹³ But Elisha said to the king of Israel, 'What business have you with me? Go to your father's and your mother's prophets.' 'No,' the king of Israel answered, 'Yahweh is the one who has summoned us three kings, only to put us into the power of Moab.' ¹⁴ Elisha replied, 'By the life of Yahweh Sabaoth whom I serve, if I did not respect the king of Judah, I would take no notice of you, nor so much as look at you. ¹⁵ Now bring me someone who can play the lyre.' And as the musician played, the hand of Yahweh came on him ¹⁶ and he said, 'Yahweh says this, "Dig in this valley ditch after ditch." ¹⁷ for Yahweh says, "You will see no wind, you will see no rain, but this valley will become full of water, and you and your troops and your baggage animals will drink." ¹⁸ But this is only a trifle in Yahweh's eyes, for he will put Moab itself into your power. ¹⁹ You will storm every fortified town, fell every productive tree, block every water-hole, ruin all the best fields with stones.' ²⁰ Next morning at the time when the oblation (morning sacrifice to God) was being offered, water came from the direction of Edom, and the whole terrain was flooded.

IF YOU DIG IT, GOD WILL FILL IT!

If we desire to see God's provision and full blessing in our lives we have to become accustomed to digging ditches.

Faith without works is dead!

James 2:26 (MSG)

²⁶ The very moment you separate body and spirit, you end up with a corpse. Separate faith and works and you get the same thing: a corpse.

God can send the provision, but we must first act in faith and dig a ditch.

Ecclesiastes 4:11 (CKJV)

Again, if two lie down together, then they have heat, but how can one be warm alone?

WANT A BETTER MARRIAGE?

Dig a ditch of kinder communication.
Dig a ditch of preferring one another.
Dig a ditch of regular date nights (twice a month).
Dig a ditch of practicing a healthy sex life.

SINGLE AND DESIRE TO BE MARRIED?

Dig a ditch of godly character.
Dig a ditch refining your personality.
Dig a ditch of cultivating your soul.
Dig a ditch of good personal hygiene.
Dig a ditch of getting involved in you church and meeting other single people.

FINANCIAL FREEDOM?

Dig a ditch of getting a budget.
Dig a ditch of getting out of debt.
Dig a ditch of honoring God with the tithe.
Dig a ditch of attending our FPU classes.

CLOSER WALK WITH GOD?

Dig the ditch of reading God's Word daily.
Dig the ditch of praying more often.
Dig the ditch of listening to more encouraging uplifting worship music.
Dig the ditch of attending church regularly, serving and getting connected in a life group.

RECAP

1. Heed the prophetic Word. (*Act on the Word God gives you.*)
2. Find your song. (*Elisha received divine direction when the music started.*)
3. Dig a ditch many ditches! (*Faith without works is dead!*)

