



## SERMON NOTES

### REACHING YOUR POTENTIAL

Part IV - Get Up, Get Going, Get Over It!

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**2 Kings 6:24-25** (TLB) “Later on, however, King Ben-hadad of Syria mustered his entire army and besieged Samaria. 25 As a result there was a great famine in the city, and after a long while even a donkey’s head sold for fifty dollars and a pint of dove’s dung brought three dollars!”

**Life principle:** Remember every crisis is an opportunity for God to show His handiwork.

**2 Kings 7:1-2** (NLT) “Elisha replied, “Listen to this message from the LORD! This is what the LORD says: By this time tomorrow in the markets of Samaria, five quarts of choice flour will cost only one piece of silver, and ten quarts of barley grain will cost only one piece of silver.” 2 The officer assisting the king said to the man of God, “That couldn’t happen even if the LORD opened the windows of heaven!” But Elisha replied, “You will see it happen with your own eyes, but you won’t be able to eat any of it!””

#### MINDSET

**2 Kings 7:3a** (ESV)

“Now there were four men who were lepers...”

**1 Corinthians 1:26-28** (CEV) “My dear friends, remember what you were when God chose you. The people of this world didn’t think that many of you were wise. Only a few of you were in places of power, and not many of you came from important families. 27 But God chose the foolish things of this world to put the wise to shame. He chose the weak things of this world to put the powerful to shame. 28 What the world thinks is worthless, useless, and nothing at all is what God has used to destroy what the world considers important.”

**2 Kings 7:3** (ESV) “Now there were four men who were lepers at the entrance to the gate. And they said to one another, “Why are we sitting here until we die?”

**2 Kings 7:4** (ESV) “If we say, ‘Let us enter the city,’ the famine is in the city, and we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also. So now come, let us go over to the camp of the Syrians. If they spare our lives we shall live, and if they kill us we shall but die.”

**Life principle:** When lack and deficiency is all you see lack and deficiency will be all you have.

*Often the test of courage is not to die but to live.  
—Conte Vittorio Alfieri.*

## **MOVEMENT**

2 Kings 7:5-8 (ESV) “So they arose at twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians. But when they came to the edge of the camp of the Syrians, behold, there was no one there. 6 For the Lord had made the army of the Syrians hear the sound of chariots and of horses, the sound of a great army, so that they said to one another, “Behold, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Egypt to come against us.” 7 So they fled away in the twilight and abandoned their tents, their horses, and their donkeys, leaving the camp as it was, and fled for their lives. 8 And when these lepers came to the edge of the camp, they went into a tent and ate and drank, and they carried off silver and gold and clothing and went and hid them. Then they came back and entered another tent and carried off things from it and went and hid them.”

Deuteronomy 32:30 (NLT) “How could one person chase a thousand of them, and two people put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, unless the LORD had given them up?”

**Life Principle:** Inaction is often as bad as positive wrong-doing.

## **MESSAGE**

2 Kings 7:9-11 (ESV) “Then they said to one another, “We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news. If we are silent and wait until the morning light, punishment will overtake us. Now therefore come; let us go and tell the king’s household.” 10 So they came and called to the gatekeepers of the city and told them, “We came to the camp of the Syrians, and behold, there was no one to be seen or heard there, nothing but the horses tied and the donkeys tied and the tents as they were.” 11 Then the gatekeepers called out, and it was told within the king’s household.”

**1) We are responsible to announcement of the good news.**

**2) We are not responsible for how the announcement is received.**