

# DAILY **DEVOTIONS**

#### THE 7 ARROWS OF BIBLE READING



What does this passage say?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What does this passage tell us about man?



What does this passage demand of me?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



How does this passage prompt me to pray?

DAY 01

## 2 KINGS 4:1-7

God can provide for you in the darkest moments of your life. When you are desperate and at the end of what you think you can do, God shows up. The widow was losing everything, but God provided. The oil poured until there were no more jars. The limiting factor was the number of jars they could bring. The only limit is not God's power but the capacity of what you bring before Him to fill. Give Him every jar in your life; come empty before Him and watch Him fill you up.

HOW HAS GOD COME THROUGH IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION?

WHAT MIGHT IT LOOK LIKE FOR YOU TO "BRING YOUR JARS" TO GOD?

HOW MIGHT YOUR CAPACITY BE GREATER THAN YOU THINK IT IS?

DAY 02

# 2 KINGS **4:8-37**

HAS A TEACHER OR COACH SEEN YOUR HARD WORK AND REWARDED YOU? IF SO, WHEN?

WHY IS IT MOTIVATING TO KNOW SOMEONE NOTICES YOUR EFFORT?

HOW WOULD IT MOTIVATE YOU TO KNOW GOD SEES WHEN YOU ARE FAITHFUL?

God sees you—your faithfulness, obedience, trust, and trials. When the woman welcomed Elisha and her family showed him hospitality, God saw. He saw her struggle to have a child and her fears of being let down once again. God saw her sorrow in losing her son and her desperation before Elisha. God will not forget His children. He sees your faith, your obedience, and your struggles. He will remember you, and no matter what happens in this life, in the end, He will raise you up. Reward is coming, so press on through every trial knowing God sees and loves you.

#### DAY 03

### 2 KINGS 4:38-44

Jesus taught us to pray, "Give us each day our daily bread" (Luke 11:3). Elisha performed two miracles in 2 Kings 4 where he provided food to eat. It reminds us that God cares about the daily needs we have. God cares supremely about your soul, but that doesn't mean He doesn't care about your physical wellbeing. God made you a complete person, body and soul. He cares about it all. Whatever need you have, physical or spiritual, God is able to supply what you need every day.

WHY DOES GOD CARE ABOUT YOUR PHYSICAL HEALTH?

HOW HAS GOD PROVIDED FOR YOU?

HOW CAN YOU BE THANKFUL FOR THE WAYS GOD HAS PROVIDED FOR YOU?

DAY 04

## 2 KINGS 5:1-19

WHO HAS GOD USED TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE?

WHAT DID THEY SAY OR DO THAT MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE?

HOW COULD GOD USE YOU TO CHANGE SOMEONE'S LIFE?

Naaman experienced a physical healing, but in the process, he had a spiritual transformation. He turned away from idols and believed that the Lord alone was the true God. But notice where it started: the witness of a young servant girl (see vv. 2-3). This powerful man's life was changed through someone who was young and had very little power. But God used her, and God can use you. You may be the person God will use to change someone's life. Don't underestimate the power of your simple, faithful witness.

DAY 05

## 2 KINGS **5:20-27**

Greed is a subtle and dangerous disease in the heart. Jesus warned that we cannot have two masters (see Matt. 6:24). We can either serve God or serve money. Gehazi was motivated by greed, and it cost him far more than he gained. Naaman would have given all his wealth to be healed, but Gehazi gave up his health in the pursuit of wealth. Satan wants you to make foolish trades. Don't trade what is truly valuable (God, relationships, family, etc.) for things that fade. Live for the things that matter most.

HOW MIGHT GREED COME AT A GREAT COST?

WHAT ARE YOU TRULY PURSING IN LIFE THE MOST?

HOW CAN YOU VALUE THE THINGS THAT MATTER MOST?