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The ministry of Elisha 2 Kings 2:19-13:20

- The End of the Siege of Samaria by Syria 7:1-20
 - Elisha indicated the end of the siege by predicting that the next day food will be abundant.
 - Four lepers decide to take their chances with the Syrian army.

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 - When they arrived, they discovered the camp abandoned.
 - God had intervened by making the Syrians think they heard the sound of an approaching army.

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 - The men ate their fill and began to hide away clothing and valuables.
 - They suddenly remembered the plight of the people in the city and returned there with the news of the empty camp.
 - The news was initially met with skepticism.

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 - Scouts were sent out to verify the information and found it true.
 - They found it as reported and the people of the city went out and plundered the camp.
 - The king's commander who had reacted to Elisha's message with skepticism was trampled to death by the rush of people fueled by hunger and greed.

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- The restoration of the Shunammite woman's land 8:1-6
 - The Shunammite woman had left the country at Elisha's bidding because a seven-year famine was about to happen.
 - She went to the land of the Philistines.
 - When she returned, she came to the king to ask for the return of her house and land.

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 - Gehazi the servant of Elisha was relating to the king the story of the restoration of the Shunammite's son to life at the very moment she came in to appeal for her land.
 - The king ordered her land restored along with the produce it had produced in her absence.

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- Elisha in Damascus 8:7-15
 - Ben-hadad, king of Syria was ill
 - When Ben-hadad learned of Elisha's presence in his capital city, he sent Hazael to inquire if he would get well.
 - Elisha's message was that Ben-hadad would die but not from the illness.

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 - Elisha's revealed that Hazael would become king of Syria and terrorize Israel.
 - Hazael returned and delivered the message that Ben-hadad would not die from the illness.
 - Hazael killed Ben-hadad the next day and became king of Syria.

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Lessons

- Our only real option is to go forward.
- Mercy is always an element in God’s redemptive judgments.
- Proclaim the good news!
- People will not always eagerly receive the good news.
- Do not sit in the seat of the scoffer. (See Psalm 1:1)
- God’s timing is amazing.

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Lessons

- God leads us to take appropriate action in every situation.
- Be a good steward of the opportunities you have, and the trust placed in you.

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