



table talk

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“Bring Me A Minstrel!”

“But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him. And he said, Thus saith the Lord, Make this valley full of ditches. For thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts. And this is but a light thing in the sight of the Lord: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand.” 2 Kings 3:15-18 KJV

Israel was facing an intensely stressful situation, to say the least. In fact, it was truly a matter of life and death. King Jehoram allied himself with Judah’s King Jehoshaphat along with the king of Edom and marched against Moab to do battle. The problem is that their supply line had collapsed, and they had no water for man or beast and none could be found in a seven day radius.

King Jehoram called for a prophet, but the prophets of Israel in those days were in large measure not devoted to Yahweh. Jehoshaphat said Elisha was trustworthy, and “The Word of the Lord is with him.”

So Elisha was brought before the trio of Kings. “Why don’t you call on your usual group of men to bring you the Word of the Lord? I am not interested in being part of this charade! In fact, if it weren’t for King Jehoshaphat, I would not even look your way. But, because of him, I will help.”

It was at this moment that Elisha asked for the worship team to be brought in. It is wise to turn to worship in tough times

for two very good reasons.

First of all, worship (whether musical or not) can calm our soul, soften our spirit, and focus our minds on faith. A God-focus helps us see that He who is with us is certainly greater than anything Hell can throw at us.

Secondly, worship is the primary pathway into the presence of God, where we often receive guidance and encouragement. His Presence is everything!

As the prophet waited upon God for help, the Lord told him to have Israel dig ditches that could contain water for man and animals. There was no wind or rain, but by morning the ditches were filled, the army was saved and the battle was won.

There is SO MUCH we can learn from this story, but the point of our Table Talk today is simply this: learn to fight against stress and uncertainty by keeping the worship of God at the forefront of our lives. Worship causes truth to rise as well as faith. Worship is never a mind game, but it is a channel used by the Holy Spirit to help us remember that “the eternal God is our refuge – and holding us up are the everlasting arms!” Deuteronomy 33:27

Feeling down and defeated? Call for a minstrel!

I love you,
Pastor Stephen