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ARROWS

There is a story in II Kings 13 about Joash, the King of Israel. He loved Elisha the prophet. Elisha had fallen sick and was about to die when King Joash came to him. He cried over him knowing that death was at the door for the Prophet Elisha.

Elisha told him to take his bow and arrows and get ready to shoot them. Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands. Laying on of hands transmits the anointing, and in this case it did just that. Elisha told him to open the window on the east side and shoot the arrow. He shot the arrow as Elisha had told him, then Elisha prophesied, ***"The arrow of the LORD's deliverance and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed them."***

He then told him to take the arrows (not arrow) and smite the ground. The king smote the ground three times with the arrows and then stopped. This made Elisha angry. He told him ***"Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice."***

Even though he had prophesied that the king would defeat Syria there wasn't total defeat because King Joash only went so far and stopped. It was a conditional prophecy. Perhaps he didn't know he was to hit the ground with the arrows more than three times, or perhaps he thought three was enough. Regardless, it caused him not to defeat the enemy. This whole story shows us that we should push beyond what we think is enough and not stop until God says it is enough.

Many right now are weary with everything happening around them. God has anointed you like he did King Joash to bring victory to your assignment, but perhaps you have given up before you should have. This will give you limited victory. True victory only comes when we are stretched further than we could possibly imagine. It comes when our faith muscles ache with the stretch and we want to quit, but we shouldn't. To defeat our enemy, we must press through until the Lord tells us it is enough. Then and only then will we get the victory that we have been called to.

If you find yourself in that place, ask God to forgive you for limiting him, and determine to get back into the battle and defeat the enemy with all you have, knowing it will take resolve and more faith than ever. We are in a war my friends. Don't think there is any retirement for God's soldiers. Yes, there may be some R&R, but it is for the sole purpose of getting back into the fight to win the battle.

You can do it!