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Today we are continuing on in a four-part series and I am going to talk to you today about how to do some things that, by all natural logic, seem to be impossible. There are some things in your lives and there are some things in your past, and there are some things that you want in your future but you tremble and you shy away from it and you think it can never come to pass because in the natural eye, it seems and appears to be impossible. I am here to tell you that with God, all things are possible!

In the scripture that we have been studying from 2nd Kings 6:1-7. And as I read, “And the sons of the prophet said unto Elisha, ‘Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us, let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam and let us make a place there where we may dwell..’” And he answered, ‘Go ye.’ And one said, ‘be content, I pray thee, and go with thy servants.’ And he answered, ‘I will go.’ So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood. But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water and he cried and said, ‘Alas master!’ for it was borrowed. And the man of God said, “where fell it?” And he showed him the place. And he cut down a stick and cast it in thither and the iron did swim. “Therefore,” said he, “Take it up to thee,’ and he put out his hand and took it”

In this, series of four sermons, under the general heading, “If it has fallen and you cannot get it up”. If there is a situation where some things have fallen in your lives and some things have been cast down, and some things have been stolen away from you and you cannot get it back”. The first sermon came from the first couple of verses: “And the sons of the prophet said unto Elisha, “Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is to strait for us. Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, take thence every man a beam and let us make a place there where we may dwell.”

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Today's message, from 2nd Kings 6:6, "And the Man of God said, 'Where fell it?' And he showed him the place and he cut down the stick and cast it in thither and the iron did swim." I want to talk to you for a few minutes today about how to do what the world deems is impossible or how to make iron swim. This appears to be a miracle, and it was. But there are times people in our lives when we need the miraculous, but you even need to know and understand the principles that under gird and to bring about a miracle, and I want to just show you how in this series of events, how he was able to make iron swim.

First thing: When hear this man out chopping down a tree to build a new sanctuary for the prophets and sees his axe head fly off into the water, and hear the man says, "Oh master, my axe head is gone and I got it on time! I got a note on this thing. It is borrowed." First thing you need to do when you have lost something, when you need something recovered, when you hit a bad situation, first thing you need to do is to ask for some help. The man said, "Master, my axe head has flown off into the water and I owe some money on it." You know oftentimes, many Christians are just too proud to get help. Sometimes, we run in trouble with our marriages and we will not go to counseling, because we do not want anybody to know that we are going through some issues.

Sometimes we are just too proud. Sometimes, we end up getting evicted and could have forestalled or stopped to think completely if we had just gone to somebody and said, "Look, can you help me out?" Sometimes we are just too proud. I have known some people who got set out on the street and if they had come to me, I would have helped them. But they were just too proud. I am simply saying first thing, because I know somebody out on television will be looking at me right now and right now, you got a pink slip tucked up on your door. Look, if you have not been here, do not even think about it. You need to, first of all, be in a house of God. But the first thing that we need to do when we are in trouble and when there are situations that we need some help with, first thing we need to do is to get humble enough to seek out qualified help.

I have to put that word in there. Because there is no need of you seeking out someone to help you and they are in the same shape. You see if there has been another fellow right beside him chopping down a tree and his axe had fallen into the water, there is no need for you to ask the fellow whose axe also fell in the water if his axe is down there beside yours. You see, he cannot give

you help. The only thing he can give you is sympathy. And you have to know, and sometimes people just need sympathy.

There is some times when I have talked to people who said, I do not want a solution to this. I just need some pity.” Sometimes you just need some sympathy but if you need to get out of the situation, you need to ask for some help from someone who has the power to either give you the wisdom to get out of the thing or the resources to get out of the thing. So the first thing you have to do is that you got to be humble enough to just bow down and just ask for help. Oftentimes, God can hear us best because we cry loudest when we need help. You see, when we need help, when our axe hit the bottom of the river, we say, “Look what I have done?” But when things are going and we have plenty of money and no pains in our bodies and everything, God has to sometimes, just come up to speak to us. When our axe head is at the bottom of the river and we cannot figure out how to get it out, we need to first of all ask for sincere help.

Second thing is this, Elisha asked, “Where fell it?” Anytime you have something that goes wrong in your world, you need to understand where fell it. What do you mean about where fell it? You need to understand what went wrong. You see if that man’s axe head flew off because the axe head was not tight enough, because it was missing a screw on the axe handle. If he does not understand, why that thing flew off and went to the river in the first place, then the man will go get the axe, put it back, and go back to chopping, it flies off again because he never understood why it fell. Whenever you go down, if you ever go back and honestly analyze the situation, there is always a turning point. That is a law of nature and physics. Whenever you go down as a turning point, you have got to be able to identify the turning point. You see, anytime something goes wrong in my life, it is critical for me to first of all recognize where fell it.

My father always said, “Son, in life, there are always two kinds of reasons.” He said there is the good reason and there is the real reason. He said always seek the real reason. Most of the time, we deal with good reasons. We do not deal with the real reason.

Many times something goes wrong in my life, I have to go back and ask myself, “Where fell it?” And whenever I go back, to really ask myself where fell it, there is always one thing, without fail, and you know what it is? I have deviated from what God told me. Sometimes the thing is not even related in the natural to the things going wrong. Sometimes, it does not even seem related in the natural. Always when I stand in from of the mirror and ask myself, “Boy, something has gone wrong. Have you been doing what God told you to do?” Always, without fail, when something goes wrong in my life and I

stand in front of that mirror, it is where it fell. And you must be able to identify, "Where fell it?" When something goes wrong in your body, we go to the doctor. We want the doctor to fix it without identifying what went wrong. And it is just like putting the axe head out of the water and putting the axe head back on the handle without being screwed down. We understand we got something wrong. We got an ache. We got a growth. We got this and that that goes wrong in the body. If you never understand where fell it, even if the doctor cut it out or radiation burned it out or even if they fix it, if you not understand where it fell, it will fly off again. You must know where fell it.

Many things in our lives, like when money is short, do you really know where it fell? The money showed you, and you have to stand in front of the mirror, "Have I been doing with my money, what God has told me to do with my money?" First thing. If you do it like this, that is where it is going to fell, so we got to know. And most of the time, even when people get money trouble and you ask them, "What is your budget? What are you spending per month? Do you know what is going out every month?" Not really. I just spend. That is where it fell. And even when you get more money and somehow that still is going in a flash because you never fixed where it fell. And you never even understood where it fell. That is why I have seen it on the job over and over and over. I have had people work for me and they got a double increase in salary. Three months later, they were still on a jam. They never understood where it fell. If you do not know where it fell and you do not know what caused the turning point in your troubles, it is hard trying to get it fixed because of the same thing will happen over and over again.

I had a situation that I dealt with a few days ago. An employee and his manager came to me and the employee was just all upset and he was saying, "This manager has just been unfair to me and he is just on my case." And he said, "The manager just does not understand. I am going through just a whole lot of stuff." And the manager said, "You see, I do not care what you are going through." And the man said, "You have to understand, I am just going through a lot." And he said, "I do not care what you are going through." And the man just got all upset and quit. So the manager said, "Look if you quit, that is fine. You do not even have to show up tomorrow." And then I told him, "Come here." I said, "First of all, you will not be able to get another job anytime soon, anywhere close to you," because I know a good bit about their history and background and they have some major issues.

Second of all, when the manager said he did not care what you are going through, let me tell you why he did not care what you are going through. He is going through more than you are. I know some other stuff he is dealing with. He just did not bring it to work and you never know about it, but he is going through much more than what you are going through so he got all this

stuff in his neck and you come in and say, "I got a mountain already on me." I said, "Another thing is this, I said you have a truckload of problems before you got here. I said this job had nothing to do with your problems. All your problems you had before you came to work. All that stuff is coming out of your house before you leave it every morning, I said, "you know I am telling the truth", he said, "Pastor Bronner, you are so right." I said, "And nothing is going to work anywhere until you are aware until you get this stuff right before you get to work. This stuff does not have anything to do with you manager. He said, "You sure are right pastor. Even my own children will not speak to me." I said, "That is what I am talking about." I said, "You do not have it right with your children, how in the world will you get it right with your manager? This stuff has nothing to do with it."

And he worked, and goes to another church and he worked a lot in the church and I said, "Look, you are a leader in the church. You got all this stuff going on in your personal world and all these mess. I say you will not pay a fivefold penalty for all the mess going on in your world until you get this stuff straightened out. Because anytime you are in front of people and you are in a leadership position in God's house, you got a greater price than the average man I said, "Look you have to go and get your stuff straight outside here. The first thing you need to do first thing in the morning, you need to get there and apologize to that manager because you need that job. And that sometimes, is how things work. So if we do not understand where the thing fell, we will blame it on something else. The manager was not his problem. The manager was his biggest salvation in the world. The manager just will not listen to any excuses and will not listen to his problems. We got to know and we got to understand where it truly fell.

"And he cut down a stick and cast it in the river." Why would Elisha need to cut down a stick after the man told him it fell right there? He cut down a stick and cast it in. The axe head was down at the bottom. This is a spiritual principle. Elisha cut down a stick and threw the stick in at the spot where the iron had gone down because the iron needed to look up and see something floating. The iron needed to look up and see something floating. You see, the stick was made up of wood so when you throw wood in the water, wood floats. And whenever you are down, whenever something is happening in you life, you need to be able to look up and you need to see something going right. And it is why I tell people, even those where you go to ask for help, you always need to go to someone who has their life in that area the way that you want yours because there is an anointing that is imparted and I do not care what area it is.

You need to go to a person where you can see something in their world float. If it is money, do not go to somebody that is broke and cannot pay their bills.

You go to somebody who, at least, got their credit in shape because you will be able to see them floating. And you do not have to go to somebody who is rich. You go to somebody who is making the same amount of money you are making. They must have management skills and ability to handle what God has entrusted them with. You will be able to see them floating. You got relationship problems; you do not go to somebody who is busted up. I do not care who it is, if you got relationship problems, you go find someone who looks like they have it together so you will be able to see something that is floating no matter what it is in life.

People know that my family business is in the hair care business. If you some help and you want to have some hair in our head, you go to someone who got some hair on their head. Do you understand the principle? So whatever it is, in whatever area and arena it is, you need to be able to see something floating. We cut down a stick and cast it in the river.

The other principle is this, “Even those who you see floating will never be perfect. Even they will always be cut.” They will never be perfect. Anytime anything is in the flesh or in the material in a man or in a woman, it is never going to be perfect, but at least it is floating. Just like no one has perfect health. There is something wrong with everybody. No one has perfect health. There is something wrong with everyone. I do not care whether it is sinus problem or hanged nail, there is something wrong with everybody. No one has absolutely perfect health. But there are some who are floating pretty well, so you will need to find someone in that area of your distress, who is floating. And even though we look up to God, and we look up to Christ; some of the wisdom of how to get out of situations, see, they understood that God is over everything, but the man would not call Elisha. So some of this stuff will have to come through people because God will often send his deliverance and he will send his miracles through folk. So you have to go and find people who can help you, who have their lives on track in the area that you want to go in. Cast in a stick. And the iron was able to look up and see something floating. And the iron did swim. Now, iron swimming or making iron float to the natural eye and mind is impossible, because iron is denser than water.

Let me just give you a brief Science lesson. Just on the Science of floatation. The density of water is 1 gm/cc at standard temperature and pressure. That is the chemical definition. That basically means if you take an ml or cc of water, it is going to weigh exactly 1 gm at 25° C at sea level. If you have something and it weight less than 1 gm/ml, it will float. If it weights more than 1 gm/ml, it is going to sink, a simple basic Science. How much do you think iron weighs? Iron weighs a whole lot more than water.

I just want to demonstrate to you. I have a clear glass pan and I am now

filling this up with water. I just want to show you what happens when you put metal into water. Will metal float or will it not? I am just going to take this and put it in the water. "What happened to it?" It went straight to the bottom. I have got some money in here. How many of you have issues with your money sinking? I am just going to drop some money in the water. What is happening to the money? Sinking straight to the bottom, so the whole natural law, iron or metal will not float, is that true or not? That is perception. I am getting ready to explain to you and show you graphically and spiritually how you can make iron float, how you can do the impossible, how you can get things that have been down in your life up.

It sank. All the metal is there at the bottom. You can see it. This is natural knowledge. Some of you are in situations you just do not know how to get out of by natural knowledge. You do not know how to get your money back up, you do not see how you can get your relationship back up, sometimes your children wonder why you got all this pains in the body and the doctor said you got a growth in that, you are going to die from it and you do not know what to do about this stuff. You do not know how to handle it. All your stuff sank to the bottom. You say, "Pastor there is no way."

That is perception. There is a big difference between perception and truth and I am going to tell you one thing that will snap you instantly and every one is going to be able to see. I want all of you right now who have been on a cruise to raise your hand. All of you who have been on a wooden cruise ship raise your hand. Every ship you been on is made out of metal. You have been on an iron ship on every cruise you have been on. It was an iron ship from top to bottom. Yet you got on that ship without fear. You got on that ship with the basic assurance that this ship will float because you saw it floating there on the dock so you got on the ship with the basic knowledge and belief and faith. You all got on that ship with faith that iron would indeed float. Metal as it can be. You got on that ship with absolute faith that iron would float.

First of all, floatation is determined by a density that is heavier than water but not buoyancy. Anytime an object is placed under water, if displacement of the water is greater than the weight of the object, then the object will float. I need to break that down where you will understand it simply. If you got a glass of water and you take and put your hand in the glass of water, what will happen? The water comes out of the glass. So you fill it up and you stick your hand down in the glass of water, the water will come out of the glass. The water that comes out of the glass is called displacement. It simply means that when you put your fears in in a full glass, it is taking up space and some has to give. When you understand the principle, when you are dealing with faith and when you are dealing with spirit, anytime you move something somewhere else, something has to give. So when you stick your water in the

glass or your fist in a glass full of water, the water comes out. That is displacement.

Floatation will occur if the amount of water that comes out of a full glass weighs more than your fist. Then your fist will float. Let me show you another example. This is metal. This is a tin or aluminum can. I am going to put this in the water. What is it doing? Is that not metal? Why is the tin can floating yet all of the other stuff is at the bottom? The reason that it is floating is because the tin can has air in it.

In the Bible, God says, "And I breathe the breath of life into man." The word spirit literally means air or breath and whenever you got something that is soaked to the bottom, that by all natural law, by all natural thinking, you cannot get it to float, you have got to put some spirit into some things. If you can breathe spirit into it, not only will this can float. Let me tell you what this can will do. If I take this coin out of the bottom of this and I put the can back in and then I start putting the coins in the can, not only will the can float but the can is floating and holding all the stuff in it that sunk. So if you can get enough spirit into your life, if you can get spirit into your situations, some things that seemed were deemed impossible, it will start rising.

That is why God had to breathe the breath of life. And whenever you do not have the breath of life, whenever you do not have the Holy Spirit, whenever you do not have a re-aspiration or respiration, your situation and your circumstances die and it sinks to the bottom and you cannot figure out how to get it up. And the thing about it, is people, we cannot make breath. It is not ours. It never was. We cannot make breath. We cannot make air. But God can. People, the air around us is symbolic of the Holy Spirit. I do not care how hard you breathe. You cannot even begin to make a dent in the air supply. I do not care how big our lungs are. I do not care how bad your breath is. No matter how hard you breathe, you cannot make a dent. Not even by all of the best scientific instrumentation in the world, no matter how hard you breathe, you cannot make a dent in the breath that God has supplied. The Holy Spirit surrounds us in so much quality and so much quantity that if we would just partake. The problem is we will not partake.

We got to train ourselves on how to increase our lung capacity. Pastor Ivan, You remember when you held a music training downstairs and I was there and you had everybody take a deep breath? And we were to hold it as long as we can. Who had the deepest breath? I did. You know why? Because I was in shape and I had developed my lung capacity. That is why I do not sing but I have greater lung capacity than anybody. The same thing happens to people when we exercise our faith. If we do not exercise our faith, when stuff sinks, we cannot breathe in over the stuff God has placed around us because we

have not used and exercised our faith.

You do not develop lung capacity by starting out and running a marathon. You develop it by starting to run around the block and up and down stairs. You develop faith in the same method and in the same manner. And if we want to raise something in our lives, we have to understand the principle of floatation and principle of buoyancy. These things float because of stuff we cannot see. The iron is stuff we can see and that sinks. It is the stuff that we cannot see, the intangible, that which God has supplied around us and that is why you cannot see faith, you cannot see confidence, you cannot see belief, and you cannot see the stuff that floats your boat. You cannot see it but it will float your boat and will make a difference when you know that you know.

See people, to be honest about it, I have very little confidence in myself. Even though I am by world standards an extremely successful man, I have very little confidence in myself because I know too much stuff can go wrong. I have seen it. I have very little confidence in myself. But what I do have confidence in is this: There is a whole lot of air around me. I do have confidence in that and I realize that my limitation is not due to lack of air around me. My limitation is lack of breathing. It is not lack of air.

God has placed so much provision even around you and sometimes you have to bring stuff that is why I used even just coins. Money is a very real example. Do you know that there is no money shortage in the Earth? The only problem is the distribution problem. There is absolutely no money shortage whatsoever on Earth. There is no shortage of anything in the world. Do you think there is a shortage of joy in the world? Joy is just like the air but there are people running short on joy. There is no shortage of joy but there are people running short on joy. Just like there is no shortage of money but there are people running short of money. There is no shortage of peace. All these things God has placed as fruits of the spirit in such abundant supply that we cannot even measure it. But if we ever get our situations or we ever get our boats, and if we ever let our axe heads out of the water, we are going to have to learn the principles of floatation and buoyancy and understand it is not going to float people.

We will have the infusion of the Holy Spirit. That is why whenever breath is inhaled, when it comes out, it makes a sound. Do you know that without air, there is no sound at all? So the question is, with the breath that God has graced you with, what sound are you making? Because it is the sound that you make with breathe that will determine whether your situation floats. Do you know that breath can sink or float most situations? Just like the situation I was dealing with, the employee and the manager. His breath has sunk his job and I told him, "Look you better get back in there and use the

same breath to get it floating again.” Your breath makes a sound and that is also why it is critical where you are and where you hang around because wherever you are, you breathe what is in the air. So first, if some of you want to get some stuff floating, you know where you are going to hang around some things where the air is not clean, when you breathe it in, the sound that you make will be unclean and the stuff will never float. That is how you make iron swim.

We learned the principles of faith, the power of belief, the knowledge of truth and the understanding that that which our natural eyes perceive is not necessarily the truth because you can get on an iron ship and go to more places in the world that you can never imagine. God wants to raise your situation. He wants to breathe the breath of life, health, strength, prosperity, of peace, of salvation back into your world.

Bow your heads. “Dear Heavenly father, right now, we just pray for circumstances and situations that are under water. Because whenever circumstances under water, water is chemically two parts of hydrogen and one part of oxygen, but there is plenty of oxygen, Dear father, but we cannot get to it. When we are under water we cannot breathe. Dear Father, we just pray for breath right now. Some may need CPR and artificial respiration but whatever it takes dear Father, we just pray for breath to be breathed back into some situations that have sunk and that are under water. Right now, dear Father, I pray for thy Holy Spirit to enter into this place right now or even those who are listening electronically. There is no limitation because all air in this Earth is connected and the vibration that goes from here shall go there, the same anointing. Those who are listening right now with things in their world that are drowning and under water, we pray the anointing of breath and thy Holy Spirit to enter into our lives and that they should be able to see and breath and make a sound of faith that shall say, ‘iron shall swim.’” In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen!