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M I N I S T R I E S

DGM Message Summary: Go Big or Die Trying

Key Points:

- II Kings 6:24,25
 - There was a great famine in Samaria; the same walls put up to protect the children of Israel were used to entrap them
 - Solitude is a good thing when you want to get rest and needed perspective, but when it turns into isolation, we begin to walk down the steady path to death
 - When you let yourself get isolated and desperate, you will let yourself do things you never imagined
 - These people used six months of salary to eat poop
- II Kings 6:28
 - Cannibalization begins to set in, just like our nation that is wallowing in the pits of self-destruction
 - When the king heard the words of this desperate woman, he realized how low the nation had fallen
 - He looked good on outside, but he was torn and tattered on the inside
- II Kings 6:31
 - Moses warned the people if they turn from God, famine would happen and instead of taking responsibility, the people blamed the pastor
 - When trouble came, the elders ran to God's house, unlike the king
 - Elijah was a prophet with fire shut up in his bones; when the holy spirit told him what the king was about to do, he called it out with boldness and created a plan to help (next few verses)
 - Elijah told the elders to shut the door on the king's messengers when they arrived
 - Elijah didn't just react in the flesh; he looked past his feelings and into the heart of the king, so he orchestrated a play to give the king time to correct himself
 - Just like God does when we're wrong; he gives us time to get it right
 - The king was convinced the calamity was from the Lord and expressed this to Elijah
 - We often due this to the pastor in follow-up emails because we're angry and frustrated
- II Kings 7:1
 - After the king humbled himself (and stopped trying to kill the pastor), Elijah advised him to the hear ye, the voice of the Word

- God's sometimes intentionally sets up situations so we have the opportunity to choose if we're going to choose God
- John 6:66
 - Jesus had been preaching and crowds had been following him; Jesus is an expert at pruning the crowd
 - "Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no part of me."
 - Sometimes in God's wisdoms, he will intentionally offend to determine if you love him enough to humble yourself, even when it hurts?
- It wasn't until the king got a handle on himself that God spoke
- The man the king wanted to kill moments earlier was the same man God used to change the course of his destiny
- You may be hours away from a complete turnaround in your life!
 - Even if reality doesn't seem to support this idea
 - Listen to the word of the Lord because your period siege is about to come to an end
- II Kings 7:2
 - If you can believe in God, who created the universe in six days, what's the issue with believing God CAN fix your small problem in a day?
 - To prove he was God and God alone, he turned back the clock
 - We serve a big God!
 - This message isn't about endurance, but faith
 - God can choose to do it as quickly as he wants or as slowly as he wants
 - Time is God's creation, so he's in control
 - If God says 24 hours, it doesn't matter what your boss, president, husband, wife, children, lawyer, doctor, etc. has to say!
 - Some of us had better get on board, or we will miss our chance
 - NOW IS THE TIME! TODAY IS THE MOMENT!
- God doesn't look at things the way we look at things; we have no idea what God sees in our lives; we have what we need to fulfill our purpose
- The guys at the gate decided they had nothing to lose; they decided to GO BIG OR DIE TRYING
 - They rose at twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians
 - The Lord has called the Syrians to hear four chariots and horses (the angelic army), not four lepers
 - They weren't qualified, but it didn't matter!
- God saved an entire city through a group four men who weren't even allowed inside the gate, but refused to give up
- If God can do that with lepers, what our excuse?
- Don't just sit on your butt. Put your faith in action and do something!
- When God is working, those against you are always outnumbered
- If just four of us decide we're going to go big or die trying, we can change the world
- God often uses the least of us to touch the rest of us!
 - Reasoning: to reveal God's glory (because if he can use the sick and afflicted, it cuts out the excuses for the rest of us)
- When we share the Gospel voluntarily and not out of a duty, it becomes contagious

- II Kings 7:10
 - Because the king humbled himself and four men decided they would go big or die trying, the entire situation was turned around
 - If only we could humble ourselves and stop fighting all the time!
- You don't necessarily get something because we're better than someone else.
 - God is not inspecting you. He's inspecting the spotless lamb of God.