



Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



Episode 081 - Didn't See That Coming 2 Kings 6-7

We all have prayer concerns—either for ourselves or someone close to us. But how often do we end up telling God exactly how He should answer our prayers?

- For which kinds of prayer concerns do you find yourself doing this the most?
- How often do you find yourself discouraged because God did not choose to bring deliverance the way you thought He should?
- Why is it better to present our needs in prayer to God and ask Him to choose the best way to bring deliverance?

When the Syrian army surrounded Dothan, Elisha's servant was filled with despair and panic.

- How was Elisha able to remain so calm? Are you more like Elisha or his servant when difficult times arise?
- How did God's way of delivering Israel (blinding the Syrian army, serving them a feast and then sending them home in peace) work better than destroying the army might have?

After the Syrian army had surrounded Samaria for some time, the food supplies ran out. Despite the presence of God's prophet Elisha—and his apparent promise of God's deliverance (2 Kings 6:33)—some of the Samaritans decide to take matters into their own hands.

- What does it say about the faith of the two women that chose to cannibalize their own sons?
- When have you struggled to wait for the Lord's chosen time to deliver you?
- How long would they have had to wait if they trusted God and buried their sons instead?
- Describe a time you waited and God delivered you in an unexpected manner.

The most miraculous and unexpected deliverance the Lord has given us is the sacrifice of His Son on Calvary's cross.

- Why were the disciples so unprepared for Jesus' crucifixion, burial and resurrection?
- Why do so many people find it difficult to trust God's way of forgiving our sins and delivering us from eternal condemnation?
- How can we effectively witness to them?