

HOW TO: RECOVER YOUR CUTTING EDGE

2 Kings 6:1-7

Series: "How To"

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"O God, do not be so distant from me." Psalm 71:12 (LB)

The Miracle of the Floating Ax Head Teaches us Four Spiritual Truths on what to doWHEN YOU'VE LOST YOUR CUTTING EDGE.

1. ADMIT you lost it. _____

"As one of them was cutting down a tree, suddenly his iron ax head fell in the water. What shall I do, sir?" he exclaimed to Elisha. "It was a borrowed ax!"

2 Kings 6:5 (GN)

Negative Responses:

1. Use it for an excuse to quit working _.
2. He could have pretended that he still had it

Characteristics of spiritual dullness

1. You start losing your love _
2. You start losing your faith _

2. ACKNOWLEDGE where you lost it _

"Where did it fall in?" Elisha asked. The man showed him the exact place..."

2 Kings 6:6a (GN)

Causes: (*check any that apply*)

- Distractions/Busyness
- Disobedience – not doing what you know God wants
- Relying on your own power/Pride
- Carelessness/Laziness

3. EXPECT God to restore it _____

"... so Elisha cut a stick and threw it into the water at that spot. The ax head floated to the top of the water." 2 Kings 6:6b (CEV)

The Point: God specializes in doing the impossible.

4. REACH OUT and receive IT _____

"Now get it," Elisha told him. And the prophet reached in and grabbed it."

2 Kings 6:6b-7 (CEV)

The Point: You have to do your part

YBH: Rev. 2:5

⁵**Remember** the height from which you have fallen! **Repent** and (Repeat) **do the things** you did at first.

Our Prayer This Morning:

"Now bring us back to loving You, O Lord." Psalm 85:4

"Give me back the joy of Your salvation." Ps. 51:12 (NCV)