LESSONS THIS QUARTER
7) 16 Jan..................2Ki 21-23......................Building a Culture for Life
8) 23 Jan..................2Ki 1-5.................................Sick of Greed?
9) 30 Jan..................2Ki 6-8..............................Right Not to Remain Silent

INTRODUCTION
- Who do we go to first when we have a problem: the bank loan officer, the medicine cabinet, food & drink, or God?
- When is it godly to be bullheaded and stubborn?

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<td>• How often do people seek help from other sources before they seek God’s help (e.g., bank loans, alcohol, drugs, gambling…)</td>
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<td>• We should all learn to seek God’s remedy</td>
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<td>• Are there just reasons to be stubborn and bullheaded? e.g., ‘be not weary in well doing’</td>
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<td>vv23-24. Teenagers were unruly even then. Lesson to learn - Never seek to harm a man of God. Judgment will come sooner or later</td>
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<td>Naaman’s belligerent attitude almost prevented him from getting healed, but he had a habit of heeding good advice from others (1st his slave girl, then his servant) – and so should we</td>
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<td>vv17-19 Naaman commits himself to God – BUT he had to continue living in a godless nation, and Elisha’s comment “go in peace” conveyed God’s forbearance with Naaman’s situation</td>
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CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS:
- We may not be able to work or receive miracles like Elisha’s, but we can still seek, worship and serve a mighty God while in a fallen world

NEXT WEEK: 2Kings 6-8. Elisha’s miracles continue…

Wondrous Activities Attributable to Elijah
1. Causing the rain the cease for 3 1/2 years 1Ki 17:1
2. Fed by ravens 1Ki 17:4
3. Miracle of the barrel of meal and cruse of oil 1Ki 17:14
4. Resurrection of the widow’s son 1Ki 17:22
5. Calling of fire from heaven on the altar 1Ki 18:38
6. Causing it to rain 1Ki 18:45
7. Prophecy that Ahab’s sons would all be destroyed 1Ki 21:22
8. Prophecy Jezebel would be eaten by dogs 1Ki 21:23
9. Prophecy Ahaziah would die of his illness 2Ki 1:4
10. Calling fire from heaven upon the first 50 soldiers 2Ki 2:10
11. Calling fire from heaven upon the second 50 soldiers 2Ki 2:12
12. Parting of the Jordan 2Ki 2:8
13. Prophecy Elisha would have a double portion of his spirit 2Ki 2:10
14. Being caught up to heaven in a whirlwind 2Ki 2:11

Wondrous Activities Attributable to Elisha
1. Parting of the Jordan 2Ki 2:14
2. Healing of the waters 2Ki 2:21
3. Curse of the she bears 2Ki 2:24
4. Filling of the valley with water 2Ki 3:17
5. Deception of the Moabites with the valley of blood 2Ki 3:22
6. Miracle of the vessels of oil 2Ki 4:4
7. Prophecy the Shunammite woman would have a son 2Ki 4:16
8. Resurrection of the Shunammite’s son 2Ki 4:34
9. Healing of the gourds 2Ki 4:41
10. Miracle of the bread 2Ki 4:43
11. Healing of Naaman 2Ki 5:14
12. Perception of Gehazi’s transgression 2Ki 5:26
13. Cursing Gehazi with leprosy 2Ki 5:27
14. Floating of the axe head 2Ki 6:6
15. Prophecy of the Syrian battle plans 2Ki 6:9
16. Vision of the chariots 2Ki 6:17
17. Smiting the Syrian army with blindness 2Ki 6:18
18. Restoring the sight of the Syrian army 2Ki 6:20
19. Prophecy of the end of the great famine 2Ki 7:1
20. Prophecy the scoffing nobleman would see, but not enjoy 2Ki 7:2
21. Deception of the Syrians with the sound of chariots 2Ki 7:6
22. Prophecy of the seven-year famine 2Ki 8:1
23. Prophecy of Benhadad’s untimely death 2Ki 8:10
24. Prophecy of Hazael’s cruelty to Israel 2Ki 8:12
25. Prophecy Jehu would smite the house of Ahab 2Ki 9:7
26. Prophecy Josiah would smite the Syrians at Aphek 2Ki 13:17
27. Prophecy Josiah would smite Syria thrice but not consume it 2Ki 13:19
28. Resurrection of the man touched by his bones 2Ki 13:21

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson
Elisha is an EGGHEAD. Elisha is an EGGHEAD!

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Elisha went up to Bethel, as he was walking some youths leaned at him. “Go on up, you baldhead”, he turned around, and called down a curse on them in the name of the Lord. Then two bears came out of the wood and mauled 42 of the youths. If 2Kings 2:22-24
RULES TO LIVE BY: Don’t trash talk bald men of God.