

# ELISHA

A TALE OF RIDICULOUS FAITH

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*2 Kings 6:1-7 (NLT)*

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√ God can help you FIND what you didn't mean to LOSE.

1. Ask, "have I LOST my SPIRITUAL EDGE?"

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*Psalms 139:23-24 (NIV)*

2. Be HONEST about where you LOST it.

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*2 Kings 6:6 (NIV)*

3. With God's help, TAKE BACK what you LOST.

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4. Do what you CAN DO, and TRUST God to do what you CAN'T.

<sup>2</sup> I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. <sup>3</sup> You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup> Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup> Consider how far you have fallen! **Repent and do the things you did at first.** If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

*Revelation 2:2-5 (NIV)*

√ It's not too late to be the person you COULD HAVE BEEN.

<sup>3</sup> God, your God, will restore everything you lost; he'll have compassion on you; he'll come back and pick up the pieces from all the places where you were scattered. <sup>4</sup> No matter how far away you end up, God, your God, will get you out of there <sup>5</sup> and bring you back to the land your ancestors once possessed. **It will be yours again.** He will give you a good life and make you more numerous than your ancestors.

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