



KUTAMA PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH



“Don’t allow yourself to die in the desert”

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Scripture reading: 2 Kings 7:1-10 & 14-19 *“1 Then Elisha said, "Hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord: 'Tomorrow about this time a seah of fine flour shall be sold for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, at the gate of Samaria.'" 2 So an officer on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God and said, "Look, if the Lord would make windows in heaven, could this thing be?" And he said, "In fact, you shall see it with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it." The Syrians Flee 3 Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said to one another, "Why are we sitting here until we die? 4 If we say, 'We will enter the city,' the famine is in the city, and we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also. Now therefore, come, let us surrender to the army of the Syrians. If they keep us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall only die." 5 And they rose at twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians; and when they had come to the outskirts of the Syrian camp, to their surprise no one was there. 6 For the Lord had caused the army of the Syrians to hear the noise of chariots and the noise of horses – the noise of a great army; so they said to one another, "Look, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians to attack us!" 7 Therefore they arose and fled at twilight, and left the camp*



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intact – their tents, their horses, and their donkeys – and they fled for their lives. 8 And when these lepers came to the outskirts of the camp, they went into one tent and ate and drank, and carried from it silver and gold and clothing, and went and hid them; then they came back and entered another tent, and carried some from there also, and went and hid it. 9 Then they said to one another, "We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, and we remain silent. If we wait until morning light, some punishment will come upon us. Now therefore, come, let us go and tell the king's household." 10 So they went and called to the gatekeepers of the city, and told them, saying, "We went to the Syrian camp, and surprisingly no one was there, not a human sound – only horses and donkeys tied, and the tents intact." 14 Therefore they took two chariots with horses; and the king sent them in the direction of the Syrian army, saying, "Go and see." 15 And they went after them to the Jordan; and indeed all the road was full of garments and weapons which the Syrians had thrown away in their haste. So the messengers returned and told the king. 16 Then the people went out and plundered the tents of the Syrians. So a seah of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the Lord. 7 Now the king had appointed the officer on whose hand he leaned to have charge of the gate. But the people trampled him in the gate, and he died, just as the man of God had said, who spoke when the king came down to him. 18 So it happened just as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, "Two seahs of barley for a shekel, and a seah of fine flour for a shekel, shall be sold tomorrow about this time in the gate of Samaria." 19 Then that officer had



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answered the man of God, and said, "Now look, if the Lord would make windows in heaven, could such a thing be?" And he had said, "In fact, you shall see it with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it."" NKJV.

We are hearing about the people of Samaria who were in a famine in their country. But we hear from the bible that God revealed it through his prophet Elijah that there shall be food in the Samaria. Even when the Samaritans were in hunger the Syrians came to take over the Samaritans because they knew that the Samaritans could defeat them as they were in hunger. The bible says states that it was revealed through the man of God that the hunger was going to end in their country.

Today`s message is encouraging us that we must not allow ourselves to die in the desert because in the desert there are no good things, the desert is dry and is always hot; so do not allow yourself to die in the desert. Our message abides in the story of these four men who were lepers. The bible says that the country had rejected these men and had banned them from the country. This shows that the country was suffering or was lacking love; and this is a sickness. If you are a Christian without love it means you are sick you need to be delivered.

The bible says these men satanic down and took a decision that they would not die in the desert even though the people had rejected them. They decided that they would rather risk their lives and enter into the land of Syria. The bible says when these men started to take a first



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step God took many steps and made the Syrians to hear a loud noise of an army. If you take a step God will take the further steps; the reason you are sitting in that situation of yours is because you do not know that God has prepared something for you He just wants you to take a step and He will deliver you.

Today you need to take a decision and take a step, tell yourself “*I might be facing difficulties but I won't die in this situation that you I am in*”. When the four men rose God also raised His army and made the whole Syria to shake and ensured that Samaria was delivered. The bible says when citizens of Syria fled they ran away without taking anything because they were protecting their lives from the Israelites.

When the four lepers were eating and drinking inside the Syrian camp they came to a point of realizing that what they were doing was wrong; they decided “*It will be better if we let the King know that the Syrians have ran away.*” The king never believed them and he sent a watchman to check if it was really true. When the messenger came back he confessed that it was really true, there was plenty food and possessions in the Syrian camp.

These four lepers delivered the whole land of Samaria. Men who were regarded as nothing in that land became the solution for the Israelites' problem.

Today you can also take a decision and tell yourself that you will not die in the wilderness; you need to rise from that situation even though people are giving you names or are pointing fingers at you but you can



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take a step and God will take the other steps.

A problem can take away your happiness; a problem can make you feel like church is a boring place; that situation which is making you to feel like you are useless needs you to take a decision; tell yourself that “*I am useful!*” and God will deliver me. It does not matter the situation you are facing, the sickness that is troubling you, you must embrace them but you need to tell yourself that you won't die in those bad situation. Rise, your vision is waiting for you; it needs you to take a step.

If you are still just sitting looking at yourself your vision is waiting for you, if you stop looking at yourself and stand, move on, you will grab your vision. It does not matter the family where you come from or the background you grew up in, just rise and take a step, God will deliver you and you will grab your vision. Have love, unity in your heart and God will do something with your situation, if He did it to the Israelites what about you?

Prayer points

1. Today if you can take a step and declare that this disease that I am having “*Enough is enough!*” You've been suffering is enough, have faith and tell God that “*All sickness I am having is healed in Jesus' name.*” The devil is liar.



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2. Somebody is sick because you are lacking love, someone is sick because you are full of hatred, someone is sick because you are always gossiping so today we have to take a step at tell God that the situation before us will be removed and we will be free indeed. Ask God for forgiveness for your hatred, for your unforgiveness.
3. Let us claim our health from the devil, he stole many things from us, we are never happy in the country because the devil stole our happiness. So let us ask God to restore all what has been stolen in our lives.
4. Let us thank God that everything that we have told Him, He has heard us because He says if only two or three are gathered by name call unto me I will hear from heaven and grant their heart's desire. So we are many and we are praying with unity so the Lord has heard us.

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