2 Kings - Commentaries by Paul J. Pascoe

CareLines: Volume 3, Faith

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APRIL 24

Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

2 Kings 6:16

The eye of faith can see things that the human eye cannot. Elisha's servant in this story in 2 Kings 6 looked outside the city one morning and saw the city completely surrounded by enemies. But Elisha saw more than that. He saw chariots of fire - the Lord's army - in the mountains, more than able to overcome the enemy. Elisha prayed and his servant also saw what Elisha could see. Faith was rewarded and there was peace of heart. How's your faith?

CareLines: Volume 3, Service

MARCH 9

Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him [Naaman] of his leprosy.

2 Kings 5:3

Just a little captive girl, slave to the wife of a renowned army captain, but she could serve God even in that capacity. She had faith. Her faith struck a chord in the heart of her mistress who encouraged her husband to go and get help. Who knows what spiritual work was done in the heart of that great man as a result of the simple faith of a child. Young people, you will have a profound effect on those around you if you put your faith into action.

CareLines: Volume 3, God's Secret

MAY 29

The Lord hath hid it from me, and hath not told me.

2 Kings 4:27

Sometimes the Lord doesn't tell us what is happening, and we have to wait in dependence on Him before the way is made clear. Have you asked the Lord for something and the answer hasn't come? Wait longer. He's testing your sensitivity to the Spirit's guidance. Elisha, in our chapter, soon knew what had happened and why he was needed. Your patience, too, will be rewarded. Wait on the Lord. He just hasn't told you yet.

CareLines: Volume 3, Music

DECEMBER 30

Bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him.

2 Kings 3:15

I love music. I always have. And at the end of a day to sit and play the piano for a while is very soothing. Elisha found it so too. He prophesied while the music played and he felt the hand of the Lord upon him. God's music is wonderful and we will sing the song of the redeemed for all eternity. You don't know how to sing, you say! Don't worry. When you get to heaven, you'll sing like you've never sung before. And you won't need to take singing lessons first!

CareLines: Volume 3, Dedication

NOVEMBER 11

[There was] no king before him, that turned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might.

2 Kings 23:25

What a commendation! And this king of Israel (Josiah) was only 8 years old when he started his reign. All his life he lived for the Lord. You're never too young to turn to the Lord with all your heart, your soul and your might. Give your best to Him!

CareLines: Volume 3, Faithfulness

NOVEMBER 14

Josiah . . . did that which was right in the sight of the Lord . . . and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

2 Kings 22:1,2

Josiah was a faithful king and followed the Lord wholeheartedly. There had been so many kings who had done evil in the sight of the Lord. But Josiah was different. It takes real courage to stand alone and be faithful, but we have many examples in the Scriptures of those who did - and they were always blessed by the Lord for their faithfulness.

CareLines: Volume 3, Honesty

NOVEMBER 13

There was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

2 Kings 22:7

Honesty is a wonderful quality to have. The world is full of cheaters and thieves. A person who can be trusted without question is someone that employers and schools like to have around. You may be laughed at for turning in that $1.00 you found in the locker room - but God has seen your honesty and He will reward you for it.

CareLines: Volume 3, Prayer

NOVEMBER 25

Hezekiah received the letter . . . and read it . . . and spread it before the Lord.

2 Kings 19:14

Hezekiah didn't like what he read in the letter he had just received, so he went into the house of the Lord and prayed to God, asking for His protection and care. Notice that he didn't rush to call his friends first, but rather went to God. God's answer to his prayer was, "I have heard . . . I will defend this city, to save it, for Mine own sake." 1 Kings 19:20,34. Of Israel's enemies, 185,000 died that night. Do you think Hezekiah was glad that he had gone to the Lord about it? You can be sure he was.

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