

“And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.” (John 10:28)

“To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.” (Isaiah 61:3)

C. God _____ Us to Be a Part

“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.” (Matthew 5:13)

CONCLUSION



MADE *for* the MOMENT

WHEN GOD HEALS A CITY

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Text: 2 Kings 2:19–22

“And the men of the city said unto Elisha, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water is naught, and the ground barren. 20 And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they bring it to him. 21 And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, Thus saith the LORD, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land. 22 So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spake.” (2 Kings 2:19–22)

INTRODUCTION

1. ASSESS THE _____

A. The _____ Appeal

“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” (Proverbs 14:12)

Quote: “You have mistaken gilt for gold, and rags for rainment.”
—C.H. Spurgeon

B. The _____ Reality

Quote: “External advantages cannot overcome internal corruption.”

“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” (Proverbs 14:12)

“For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.” (Romans 8:22)

2. CONFRONT THE _____

A. Take _____

“But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;” (1 Corinthians 1:27)

B. Go to the _____

“For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.” (Jeremiah 2:13)

“And the city shall be accursed, even it, and all that are therein...” (Joshua 6:17a)

“And Joshua adjured them at that time, saying, Cursed be the man before the LORD, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his firstborn, and in his youngest son shall he set up the gates of it.” (Joshua 6:26)

“In his days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun.” (1 Kings 16:34)

C. _____ God

Quote: “Men have a tendency to worship means and methods. But it is the Master that we need to look to for help.”—John G. Butler

3. EXPERIENCE _____

A. God _____ by His Word

“Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses. 20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. 21 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!” (Psalm 107:19–21)

B. God _____ by His Grace

Quote: “Death and barrenness are turned into life and fruitfulness when the power of the divine transformer gets into the being.”
—James Smith

Quote: “God’s word through God’s prophet brings God’s grace to God’s people. And this episode stresses the transforming impact of that grace.”

—Ralph Davis