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## Choosing Hope

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# Elisha

1 Kings 19 - 2 Kings 8



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*Elisha picked up Elijah's cloak, which had fallen when he was taken up. Then Elisha returned to the bank of the Jordan River. He struck the water with Elijah's cloak and cried out, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" Then the river divided, and Elisha went across.*

**2 Kings 2:14-15**



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## 2 Kings 6 and 7



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Elisha said these words:  
*"Listen to this message from the Lord! This is what the Lord says: By this time tomorrow in the markets of Samaria, six quarts of choice flour will cost only one piece of silver, [a] and twelve quarts of barley grain will cost only one piece of silver."*  
 (2 Kings 7:1)



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The King's commander responded:  
*"Look, even if the Lord should open the floodgates of the heavens, could this happen?"*  
 (2 Kings 7:2)



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It happened as the man of God had said to the king: "About this time tomorrow, a seah of the finest flour will sell for a shekel and two seahs of barley for a shekel at the gate of Samaria."



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*Why, my soul, are you downcast?  
 Why so disturbed within me?  
 Put your hope in God.*

**Psalms 42:11**



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There hope that God can 'do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us' (Ephesians 3:20)



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*"These scars we have, make us who we are. We're not meant to go back and fix them."*

**Batman**



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For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11



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When we look forward with hope to the future, with God's help, we can build a better tomorrow.