2 Kings 6:24 -7:20: Good news!

Have you ever felt like you can't wait for God a moment longer? Ever faced with difficulties that stretch your faith to breaking point?

Faith under siege

2 Kings 6:24 - 29 There are times in everyone's life when all natural support is cut off. It was for Samaria here and the King knew it. And then the King hears something that pushes him past his breaking point...

The Blame Game

2 Kings 6:31 - 33 Elisha would have told the king that they would be tested but that the Lord would deliver them. But the King won't wait. The King blamed Elisha. Maybe you blame God?

1. The God of the Impossible

2 Kings 7:1 - 2 *When* faith was gone, when hope had dried up, when life was at its worst...*then* the word of the Lord came.

2. The God of the Weak

2 Kings 7:3 - 8 The lepers didn't know they were doing God's will. But they were.

Waiting is a hard thing.

- God orders your steps through human plans.

  'We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps' (Proverbs 16:9)

- God works out his purposes through humans.

  'If the Lord doesn't help you, what can I do?' (v.27). This is the wrong reaction. When you see needs, you are called to be God's hands responding to those needs.

  The world produces enough food for everyone. If we simply feed ourselves 'This is not right' (v.9). We must do everything we can to bring an end to extreme poverty in our generation.

3. The God of the Shameful

2 Kings 7: 12-20 It doesn't matter how much guilt, how much shame, how much fear you feel, you have never lost your value in God's eyes.

Our response to God's good news

Thank you Father, that although I make plans in my heart, ultimately you determine my steps. In making my plans may I always say, 'If it is the Lord's will'.

Father, thank you that you have good plans for my life and your purposes will ultimately prevail. Help us to be a blessing to the world, feeding the hungry and bringing the good news of Jesus to a world that desperately needs physical and spiritual food.